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Green machine: Conservation leader steps down after 30 years

By Judy Wakefield

One of the town's chief proponents of protecting open space has left the Conservation Commission after 30 years of service.

Selectmen announced at Monday's meeting that Robert "Bob" Pustell of Porter Road has retired from the com-

mission. He has been a member of the town's conservation commission since 1976. Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski honored Pustell by naming him an emeritus member of the town board.

Now 82, Pustell said he is physically slowing down and it is time to leave a position he enjoyed very much.

"I'm not doing the job I should and a lot of nice people have been covering for me," he said Tuesday afternoon.

His devotion to conservation issues in town is well known. In early fall of 2003, fellow commission members named 82 acres of town land the Robert A. Pustell Reservation as a tribute to his

years of service. In addition, he and his wife, Margaret Pustell, received the Virginia Cole Community Service Award at 2003 Town Meeting.

Pustell became known for walking the woods and wetlands of Andover in search of answers on issues coming before the commission. He is proud of

being part of a commission that acquired so much open space, he said.

The Pustells came to town from Melrose and liked that environmental issues were taken seriously in Andover. They quickly joined the Andover Village Improvement Society.

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SPRING FEVER CATCHING ON



Above, Jason Pelletier of Strawberry Hill Farm on Lowell Street fills up the greenhouse with flowers as the stand gets ready to open this week. In another sure sign of spring, Kim McLeod catches a disc in the parking lot of Andover High School.

BUDGET IMPASSE

Time running low for deal

By Brian Davidson

Town and school officials remain sharply divided on how much to spend on education, setting up a possible Town Meeting showdown on the budget.

Barring an agreement during the next 11 days, residents will have to decide whether they want to support \$1.3 million in educational spending above what the town manager recommends.

A Tuesday night meeting of the selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee, failed to produce agreement, and the three boards agreed to meet again next Wednesday, April 19, five days before Town Meeting.

Although School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein said the town has historically been generous to the schools, she added she is not feeling the same generosity this year.

"It feels to the School Committee and to a lot of parents out there that the other two committees have hung us out to dry," she said.

While most of the audience

members at Tuesday's meeting were parents in support of the superintendent's rebuilding budget, as revealed by their comments and applause, not all attendees were there to support the schools.

"Maybe some of these parents are playing into the hands of the union," Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone said. "We've always been giving to the School Committee. We've compounded the budget to the point that it's ridiculous. There are people in this community that don't have children."

Carbone was booed after making some of her statements.

Silberstein asked the other board members to at least guarantee the school department level funding.

"Tonight we were hoping to close the level services gap," Silberstein said. "If the town should be at level services ... the schools should be at level services."

Selectman Brian Major argued that Silberstein is under a "false impression," and that the

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With health-care costs crippling budgets, unions propose new bargaining approach

By Greta Cuyler

Town employees want to bargain as one for their health insurance benefits – not as 14 different unions.

Andover Firefighter John Hines made a presentation to the Board of Selectmen on Monday night, joined by a representative from Boston Benefit Partners.

Under Massachusetts law known as "Section 19," public employees and municipalities are allowed to negotiate for health insurance benefits outside of the normal collective bargaining unit. The unions have unanimously approved adopting Section 19.

Selectman John Hess said he was glad to hear the employees' presentation, but selectmen were noncommittal at this point.

"I'd like to get more information. I haven't had much time to think about it, with all the other things we've had to do," Hess said.

Eight Massachusetts' communities have adopted Section 19 since 1993. The first was Lexington, which has saved more than \$3 mil-

lion as a result of the changes so far. Other local towns who have adopted Section 19 include Methuen, Tewksbury, Dracut, Reading and Framingham.

"I know it's something the town unions want to do," said Hines, who brought a representative from each employee union to Monday night's meeting.

Under the current system, if the town wants to change any part of the employees' health coverage, it must negotiate with 14 separate unions.

Under the new plan, employees would vote on the changes and approve with a 70-percent majority. A Public Employee Committee, consisting of representatives of each bargaining unit, would work directly with the town.

Independent employees and department heads would be welcome to join under the proposed plan.

The Andover Educational Association, the teachers' union, is the town's largest bargaining unit with 512 employees or 37.99 percent

of the total employees under the proposed plan, according to figures presented by the group.

Retirees would become part of the bargaining unit and no longer subject to Town Meeting votes. The Public Employee Committee would be made up of one member from each bargaining unit, plus one retiree.

This is the seventh year of double-digit health-care increases in this country, said Andrew Powell of Boston Benefit Partners. Massachusetts is the most expensive state in the country for health care and the Boston area is the most expensive in the state.

Those figures, said Powell, show the need for a partnership between towns and employees to lower health-care costs.

"It's in the best interests of everyone," said Hines.

Monday night's meeting was informational only, given the late hour of the presentation.

The unions will bring the proposal back to selectmen at a later date for discussion and a vote, said Powell.

JAZZ NIGHT



Above, Gracie Jackson, a vocal soloist in the High School Jazz Band, sings *Respect* during a jazz night at the school on Tuesday. Superintendent Claudia Bach wants \$759,000 for her rebuilding budget, part of which will restore instrumental music to grade 3 and add a music teacher at Andover High.

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Tree cuts nearing end

By Anita Fritz

A tree removal and trimming project expected to reduce the number of power outages in town will be completed just in time for the spring and summer storm seasons.

National Grid will finish its "vegetation clearance program," which was designed to remove or trim more than 500 trees throughout town, by the end of April. A spokeswoman said the program is two-thirds complete and the electric company hasn't had any problems since it began work in January. The company has removed between 20 and 30 trees a week.

"We're extremely pleased with how things have gone and with the cooperation we've had from the town and its residents," Debbie Drew said.

National Grid has 175 trees left to cut down or trim in an effort to reduce the outages caused by fallen trees and limbs over the past few years, Drew said. The company gets 1,500 tree calls per year from Andover and more when there are bad storms. A crew of about 15 takes care of all of those calls.

The agreement the company made with the town includes cutting down 185 trees on public property and trimming another 96 along town roads. National Grid has also been working with residents to cut down or trim 200 trees on private property.

"We've worked well with many of those residents and got a lot of that work done," Drew said.

Most of the trees that have been and will be removed are downtown and in Ballardvale, the two areas hardest hit by power outages — fallen trees in those areas caused 16 outages, or 80 percent of the outages in those areas, last year. Overall, 45 percent of the town's outages were caused by fallen trees and limbs last year.

Town Plant and Facilities Director Joseph Piantedosi and Tree Warden Randy Pickersgill inspected every tree slated for removal before



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A tree at 66 Bartlett St. is one of the tree's National Grid would like to cut, as it hangs over electrical wires.

National Grid began the project. Both men reported that all of the trees on the list were dead, dying or deemed a hazard. Pickersgill said when driving by many of the trees, they looked healthy, but holes, rot and cavities due to insects and other factors couldn't be seen from the road.

The project is costing National Grid about \$300,000, but company officials have repeatedly said the cost won't be passed on to customers.

The town's forestry account has about \$2,000 set aside for purchasing and planting new trees. Selectmen have suggested increasing that to \$4,000 for the next couple of years, while the town attempts to replace trees. Andover has applied for a National Grid grant and hopes to receive almost \$10,000 this spring for replanting.

Little support seen for altered trash-fee idea

By Brian Davidson

A new idea to charge people a fee for trash disposal does not seem to be gaining traction. While some parents liked the idea, hoping it would provide more money for the schools, officials have not supported it.

Andover Recycling Committee Chairman Carolyn Dann wants to make clear that her proposed waste reduction program is not the same as the pay-as-you-throw program that selectmen discarded in 2003, which called for residents to pay for every bag of trash they fill.

"This is not pay-as-you-throw," she said, "because everybody gets one free bag that

comes out of the regular tax base. The average large family probably uses a bag and a half per week, so they'd only be buying one extra bag every two weeks."

Dann presented her waste reduction program to selectmen several weeks ago as a way to increase town revenue, save money by decreasing total waste tonnage, and encourage recycling, she said.

Selectman Mary Lyman said that despite Dann's modified waste reduction program, "it's still another tax on something that people feel they already pay for. Whether you reshape it or not, it's still the same concept."

Dann said the program wouldn't affect most seniors at all, as they tend to compile less than a barrel of trash per week. Those who would require extra bags would only pay between \$1 and \$2 for each, according to her plan.

"The bags would cost as much as a 12- or 16-ounce bottle of water," said Dann. "The aquafina water at CVS costs \$8.88 per gallon. Look around and see how many people buy them. It has nothing to do with (the waste reduction program), but it makes for an interesting commentary on what people are willing to spend money on."

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No compromise yet on education

■ SCHOOL SPENDING

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town is actually not at level services. Furthermore, he said, maintaining level services for the school department carries more increased costs.

Stapczynski agreed, saying that "the (town) cuts just tend to get hidden in the woodwork."

Superintendent Claudia Bach said, regardless of whether the town is at level services, school cuts are more harmful to the town's youth.

"Children have lost services," she said. "As an adult here, I haven't lost services. That's the difference."

The Andover Parent Teacher Organization, Andover Parent Advisory Council and Andover teachers' union have put out a flier saying that if the School Committee-approved budget does not pass at Town Meeting:

- four elementary classroom teachers will be eliminated;
- \$375,000 worth of services restored for the current school year would be eliminated again; and
- the superintendent's entire rebuilding plan for next school year will be tossed aside.

House budget \$550,000 less in state aid

The Massachusetts House revealed its recommended state budget on Monday, proposing \$550,000 less in Chapter 70 education aid to Andover than Gov. Mitt Romney's earlier proposed budget. The final state budget won't be determined by the Senate until after Town Meeting, just 11 days away. During a parent-packed Tri-Board Meeting Tuesday night, selectmen, the School Committee and Finance Committee tried to determine which figure to assume in the construction of the town budget: Romney's, the House's, or somewhere in between.

"My advice to the three boards is to hang in there and stay with the governor's numbers," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. "History has taught us that Senate has always done better than the House."

"I think it would be fiscally responsible to go with a more conservative number," argued Finance Committee member Stuart Stumpf. "And if we get more, well, that's good news."

After some debate, the

consensus among the boards was to accept the governor's proposed \$5.78 million of Chapter 70 aid to Andover, but only under the conditions suggested by Finance Committee member Richard Howe.

"If we go with the governor's number, I would propose that at that point we don't start working on other things," said Howe. "That automatically freezes the revenue side of the budget."

Also in attendance was state Rep. Barbara L'Italien, who urged town and school officials to "think outside the gap" to close the present \$1.3 million gap between the school and town budgets, which many in town hoped would be closed by state education aid.

"I think you all know the state is not going to get you out of this," L'Italien said.

— Brian Davidson

Pustell leaves Conservation Commission

■ CONSERVATION

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When Bob Pustell learned that the Conservation Commission had a trails committee, he

served on it. He eventually moved on to the commission itself and served as chairman for many years.

The Conservation Commis-

sion is a seven-member volunteer board. Resident and former selectman Gail Ralston will serve out Pustell's term, which expires on June 30.

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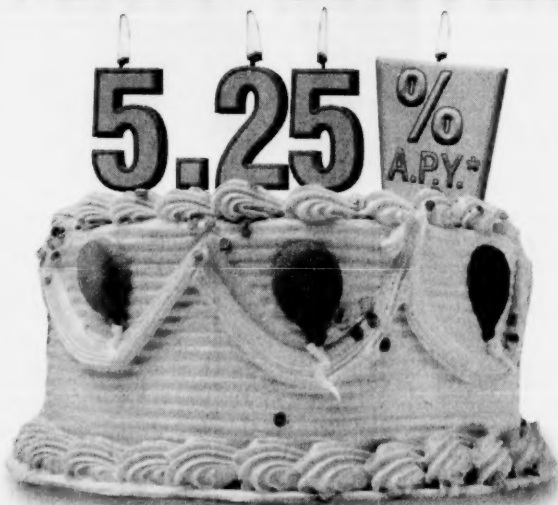
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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY; MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN
Hartigan's Pharmacy used to serve Andover customers at the corner of Chestnut and Main streets, a few steps away from where CVS is now. But the exact location of the former drug store has been vacant since the Sovereign Bank branch there was closed. Daniel A. Hartigan opened the business in 1924 after he served in World War I in the US Navy.

Early deadline

With the Patriots Day holiday this coming Monday, the *Townsmen* will have early deadlines. Submissions from the public and advertising copy are due tomorrow, Friday, at noon. Letters can be sent by Friday at 5 p.m., or by Monday at 9 a.m. if sent by e-mail to nfater@andovertownsmen.com.

Transportation

The commuter rail will operate on a regular schedule this coming Monday, despite the state holiday. However, there will be other changes. The Merrimack Valley Regional Transit has released the following schedule to be in effect on Patriots' Day Monday, April 17.

- There will be:
- No local bus service;
 - No EZTrans service;
 - No Call and Commute service;
 - No Ring and Ride service in Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Methuen, Salisbury and West Newbury; and
 - No MVRTA Boston commuter bus.

Soccer season, logo contest kicks off

Andover Soccer Association's spring season kicked off on Saturday, April 8 for travel teams and on April 22 for in-town teams. This spring is the second half of the 30th year of Andover Soccer, which attracts more than 1,200 players. A number of travel teams enter the spring season after having gone undefeated in the fall.

ASA will kick off its 2006 fundraising efforts in front of Old Town Hall on Saturday April 29. ASA volunteers will be selling a number of items this spring to raise funds targeted at program improvements including new goals and goal-anchoring equipment.

ASA also launches its ASA logo contest on April 15. Youth are encouraged to design the new logo for the in-town uniforms for this fall. Pick up a registration form at Old Town Hall on April 29, or download one from the ASA's Web site www.andoversoccer.org.

Correction

Due to a reporter's error, there was a mistake in the April 6 article on home schooling. Home schoolers cannot take the MCAS and are not required to take the SAT.

Quote, unquote . . .

THERE WAS NO BUSINESS REASON for doing it; it was pure greed.
— Selectman Brian Major talking about a hike in building fees that he and Mary Lyman voted against, but was approved by the board 3-2. (Story in *Business*, page 9)

News Calendar

Thursday, April 13

Council on Aging, Andover Senior Center, 8 a.m.

Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessors conference room, 9:30 a.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19

Recycling Committee, Town

Offices, second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Offices, first-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday April 27

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Meehan hosts meeting on rising college costs

US Congressman Marty Meehan will host a Town Meeting about college affordability at Northern Essex Community College on April 15. Meehan has invited all residents from Andover to join him and a panel of college admissions and financial aid experts for this discussion on the rising cost of college tuition and how to improve the availability of higher education.

The Town Meeting on college affordability will be on Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Northern Essex Community College Technology Center, 100 Elliot St., Haverhill.

Meehan released a report last week that analyzes the increase of college tuition in Massachusetts over the last decade. The report finds that tuition and fees at public colleges here increased by more than 70 percent in the last 10 years, and nearly 60 percent at private colleges in the same time period, putting a college education out of reach for an increasing number of people.

The report finds that the total cost of an education at a state public college, including tuition, mandatory fees and room and board, has nearly doubled in the last 10 years, from \$3,646 in 1996-97 to \$6,215 in 2005-06. The average tuition and fees of the private schools sampled in 1996-97 was \$16,952 and in 2005-06 that figure was \$26,723.

other Andovers, learn about Andover's history, and plan for entertaining visitors from Andover, England next fall. The event is free, but residents are asked to RSVP to Linda Kirk at 978-475-1852 or lkirk@sprynet.com.

Sister Towns group welcomes newcomers

Andover Sister Towns Association will host a newcomers' welcome event on Sunday, April 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library's third floor meeting room.

Residents can meet the group that promotes exchanges with

Lecture series at law school

The Massachusetts School of Law has created a "Noted Authors" lecture series, which will begin April 20 with Jeffrey Peck discussing his book *Being Jewish in the New Germany*.

MSL is inviting writers and scholars who publish in the fields of history, current events and international affairs to come to the school and speak about their work. School officials want to encourage conversations

among authors, students, faculty, and members of the public. Each event will feature a presentation by the author, followed by discussion and a question-and-answer session. For those interested in attending these presentations, admission is free and no reservations are required.

Professor Jeffrey M. Peck leads off MSL's new series on April 20, at 7 p.m. in the law school's Old Courtroom.

Scholarship

The May 1 deadline for submission of Andover Dollars for Scholars scholarship applications for the 2006-07 academic year is fast approaching. Applications are available online at andoverma.gov/publish/adfs.pdf; the guidance departments at Andover High School, Phillips Academy and the Greater Lawrence Technical School; Town Offices and Memorial Hall Library.

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April 17, 2006 - May 26, 2006

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ANDOVER FUND FOR EDUCATION SPELLING BEE



The adult spelling bee, a fund-raising event for the Andover Fund for education proved to be a great night for Bancroft supporters. Not only did the school's team come in second overall, but its fans were awarded the spirit prize. Above, Ellen Dowaliby (left) and Cathie Ghandchi, cheer on their team, known as "The Letterheads."

At left, the Andover School Department's "Magik" team – Mary Robinson, David Samuels, Helen "Skip" Eccles and Rita Casper – react to spelling a word correctly.

RAISING FUNDS

Rotary, Bancroft spell success

The Andover Fund for Education again collected thousands to support the Andover Public Schools thanks to its annual adult spelling bee on Friday night, April 7. The money raised by the bee helps teachers to offer students special, innovative programs.

"We're not going to buy you science books, but we're going to buy you, in the case of Wood Hill this year, sheeps' brains," explained Steve Knapp, AFE member.

Parents donate to AFE to participate in a team spelling competition. Five teams of four compete against each other in five preliminary rounds. The winner of each round advances to the championship round, where the winner is crowned. This year, the Rotary Club became Andover spelling royalty. The Andover Rotary Hornets stung the competition on the word "bacciferous."

Bancroft Elementary School's team, The Letterheads, came in second over-

all and claimed the prize for best finish by an Andover public school. But supportive and vocal Letterhead fans took a back seat to no one, capturing the spirit award.

It couldn't have been easy for the AFE to choose the spirit-award winner, given the boisterous displays by fans of several teams, including Sanborn Elementary School's Doggone Good Spellers. Doggone fans barked throughout the contest.

Besides the Rotary and Bancroft squads, the three other teams to make the spelling bee finals were:

- The Andover School Department's Magik School Team, which won its round on the word "irascibility."
- The Andover Historical Society, which won its round – the longest of the night – on the word "edentulous."
- The Shawsheen School's Starfish Spellers.

– Neil Fater

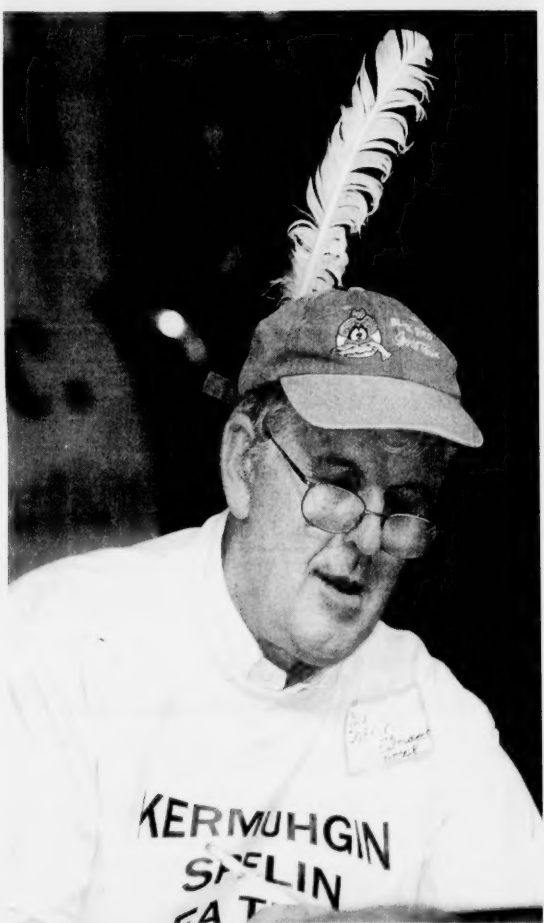
SPELLING MOMENTS

The Andover Fund for Education always picks some difficult words – both for those who have to spell the words and for those who pronounce them. Before he announced the word "bromeliad" Andover High Principal Peter Anderson said, "We're going to knock someone out with this one ... Could be me. Where do you get these words?" Anderson proved to be prophetic, as two teams were eliminated.

Round 5 ended on the word "gnomon," pronounced *No-mon*.

"This is not a quote from Bob Marley, in case you were wondering," said Anderson.

The word decided the match, with the Shawsheen School team spelling it correctly to win the round and advance to the finals.



PHOTOS BY
TIM JEAN

◀ Jay Darrin of The Curmudgeon & Friends, a team of retired teachers.



BEE HAS BEEN 'BERRY, BERRY' GOOD TO THEM – The Andover Rotary Hornets won this year's adult spelling bee, with the word "bacciferous." Bacciferous is an adjective used to describe something that is berry producing. The winning team included (from left) Joan Johnson, Matt Gold, Hellen Michel and John Colbert.



GET ON YOUR BIKES AND SPELL – Ashley Castillo, Bridget Aumais and Sara Heath cheer on the Wood Hill Middle School team known as Spell's Angels. Many teams and their fans wore costumes, such as the leather jackets and T-shirts worn by Spell's Angels.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, April 5 - At 11:09 a.m., Christopher A. Gould, 27, of 64 Poor St., was arrested and charged with three counts of possession of a Class E substance, and for conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws after he tried to pass a forged prescription at a local pharmacy.

Thursday, April 6 - At 4:40 p.m., Ruben D. Periz, 18, of 11 Holt St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with not having an inspection sticker and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 11:45 p.m., Elizabeth A. Parker, 33, of 211 Campbell Road, North Andover, was arrested and charged with the second offense of operating under the influence of liquor.

Friday, April 7 - At 12:20 p.m., Philips Academy Security reported it was holding a male with no identification who fit the description of a man committing a rash of thefts on campus. As a result, Micah L. Lim, 21, of 4 Blueberry Hill Road was arrested and charged with trespassing and larceny under \$250.

At 2:02 p.m., Alex A. Lugo, 19, of 215 Crawford St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Saturday, April 8 - At 2:55 a.m., Kyle Meakim, 23, of 172 Maple St., Apt. 104, Malden, was arrested and charged with trespassing.

At 4:10 p.m., Robert A. Carbone, 52, of 9 Independence Drive, Apt. 21, Methuen, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

Sunday, April 9 - At 6:27 p.m., Carol Ann Hynes, 35, of 481 Stevens St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with a municipal bylaw violation, leaving the scene of property damage and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 8:17 p.m., Carlos M. Garcia-Hernandez, 22, of 12 Berkeley St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Monday, April 10 - At 2:46 p.m., the owner of Copper Penny Antiquities reported that a male had been in the shop for three hours and refused to leave. As a result, Kevin M. Suarez, 21, of 3 May Court, Methuen, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

At 3:43 p.m., Henry B. Clark, 50, of 131 Beach Road, Salisbury, was arrested and charged on an outstanding warrant for assault and battery.

Tuesday, April 11 - At 11:30 a.m., Frank Castillo, 46, of 4 Battista Court, Clinton, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and having an open container of liquor in the motor vehicle. He also had an outstanding motor-vehicle warrant.

INCIDENTS

Friday, April 7 - At 1:12 a.m., a security guard on Tech Drive reported finding a vehicle at the side of the road and the occupant was unresponsive. Officer said the driver fell asleep waiting for his girlfriend to get out of work.

At 7:27 a.m., a resident reported hearing tires screeching around 2 a.m. and found damage to his lawn this morning.

At 7:45 a.m., police received a report of two buses idling on Red Spring Road causing a problem with exhaust. The buses were gone when the officer arrived.

At 4:48 p.m., a citizen came into the station to report an Internet scam.

At 7:45 p.m., a school janitor at Shawsheen K-2 School reported that two teenagers in a dark SUV came onto the school property and went into the bathroom with a paper bag. When the janitor approached the teens, they fled. An officer searched the area with negative results.

Saturday, April 8 - At 12:43 p.m., a resident called to request help. He and a friend found handcuffs in the basement and cannot get them off now. An officer assisted them in removing the cuffs.

At 1:31 p.m., a resident came home and found trash thrown in the driveway and eggs thrown on the house.

At 6:01 p.m., ADT Alarm reported a living-room motion alarm and a male subject on the scene without a proper pass code. Subject told the alarm company to stop "bugging him." An officer reported it was an accidental activation by the homeowner. The homeowner advised the officers he didn't want them on his property and not to respond. A lieutenant told the homeowner that he needs to disconnect the alarm if he does not want the police to respond to calls.

Sunday, April 9 - At 8:17 p.m., a man reported that he was threatened by his neighbor. Both parties were spoken to and both agreed to stay apart.

Monday, April 10 - At 8:39 a.m., an employee at the Greater Lawrence Technical High School advised that the school had obtained a photograph of one of their students holding a shotgun and mask. A caller stated that the photo was not taken at the school. The student lives in Lawrence the gun is in Lawrence. The Lawrence Police Department was notified.

At 1:10 p.m., police received a call about a deer who went through a backyard, heading towards a fence along Route 495. Police advised the caller the deer was a wild animal and free to roam.

Tuesday, April 11 - At 7:11 a.m., there was a report of a panel torn down at the Richard J. Collins field house.

At 2:28 p.m., there was a report of a school bus and car collision on Andover Street. Children did not appear to be injured and no one was transported to the hospital.

At 6:32 p.m., a subject called to report a young man parked on River Road who said that it looks like "they don't belong there." An officer checked out the young man and reported that he "does indeed belong there."

At 6:49 p.m., a caller reported that he just locked his 2-year-old and his keys inside his car by accident.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, April 6 - At 10:28 p.m., a resident reported her car window was smashed while the vehicle was parked in the high school lower lot on Red Spring Road.

Saturday, April 8 - At 11:45 a.m., a resident called to report an iPod was stolen from a car while a company was replacing the windshield.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 5 - At 12:20 p.m., report of a motor vehicle crash with personal injury on North Main Street.

Sunday, April 9 - At 3:50 p.m., Philips Academy public safety reported a motor vehicle-versus-pedestrian accident that occurred at Main Street and Chapel Avenue. The victim was at the health center and said the vehicle stopped to ask if she was OK and then continued on. Victim got a partial plate and description of the driver and the car.

THEFTS

Wednesday, April 5 - At 3:15 p.m., a resident reported identify fraud.

Thursday, April 6 - At 4:58 p.m., a student from Andover High School came into the station to report that a calculator and some other items were stolen while he was at school today.

Friday, April 7 - At 1:31 p.m., a man reported that his laptop was stolen at Comfort Suites.

At 4:56 p.m., a citizen came into the station to report that her jacket was stolen from the Boston Sports Club.

Saturday, April 8 - At 7:36 p.m., a resident came into the station to report that his son's cell phone was stolen from his gym locker almost a month ago.

Sunday, April 9 - At 9:43 a.m., a walk-in reported a theft that occurred Monday at the high school.

At 6:12 p.m., PA public safety reported a theft of a \$350 iPod.

Monday, April 10 - At 3:21 p.m., a male reported a cell phone stolen on April 5 while he was in the Phillips Academy locker room.

At 3:20 p.m., resident reported possible identity theft.

Tuesday, April 11 - At 11:18 a.m., a resident reported possible credit fraud.

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VIETNAM WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

Process questioned on memorial

By Greta Cuyler

Selectmen are sticking by their decision to build the proposed Andover Vietnam Veterans Memorial in time for Memorial Day, despite citizen concern that there was no a public hearing to discuss the issue.

Selectmen approved the memorial on March 27, after Town Veterans Services Director John Doherty discussed the subject during the citizens' input section of that night's selectmen's meeting. The item had not been on the agenda.

On Monday, Selectmen Mary Lyman and Alex Vispoli said they have received citizen feedback questioning why there wasn't a public hearing to allow input from other residents.

"The process has been flawed," said Karen Herman, chairwoman of the town's preservation committee.

Herman said this decision affects not only Andover veterans, but others in town, especially family members of those who

served. She suggested that decisions like this should be made by Town Meeting vote.

Lyman made a motion for further discussion of the memorial's location and design. No one seconded her motion.

The memorial will be placed in the Park, at the corner of Chestnut Street and Whittier Court.

Nancy Jeton of Chestnut Street said memorials on public land need discussions and a plan. She expressed concern that Andover has put up six different memorial structures or plantings on town land during the past 20 years.

"Would you rather rush into the permanent placement of a generic stone monument which pays tribute to seven soldiers in a heavily used public park OR would you rather respect the vision process, respect the heritage of the town, respect the right of Andover citizens to discuss and collaborate on a unique Vietnam memorial?" she wrote

in a handout to members of the board.

Selectman John Hess, who abstained from the prior 4-0 vote to approve the memorial's Park location, once again raised questions about the town's process for approving the memorial.

"Any use of public space, it's up to the public for input," he said.

But Selectman Brian Major said the board followed the same process it always has, and noted the monument idea had been covered in the *Townsmen*.

Doherty said he ordered the monument on March 28, the day after selectmen voted to approve it. The company has already started cutting the stone.

"If they torpedo the process, I'll be out \$15,000 to \$20,000," he said.

Selectmen made it clear that citizen concerns were based on the approval process, not the issue of having an Andover Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



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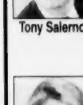
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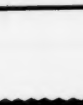
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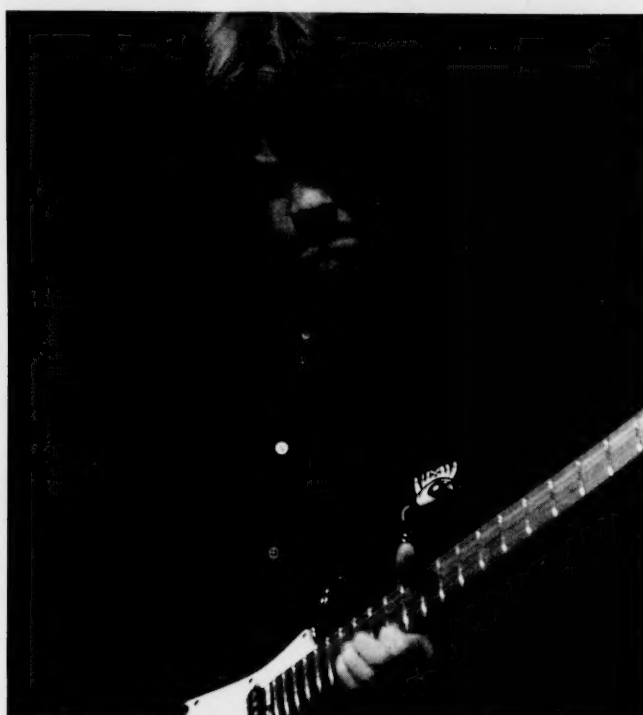


Fiona Dooley, of the Thursday High School Jazz Band was a soloist on the trombone during the Andover Jazz Night on Tuesday.

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Above, Alec Weiss, of the Tuesday Middle School Jazz Band was a soloist on the saxophone, while (at right) Matt Cohen played a guitar solo.



Additional bags

■ TRASH FEE

Continued from page 2

Dann said she proposed her plan to selectmen weeks ago, and was disappointed by the response she received.

"I don't know how to get the selectmen's attention," she said. "I think it's not fiscally responsible to ignore an option like this when we can't afford the teachers we need. If they were truly responsible selectmen, they'd be looking at every option. But for some reason, they won't look at this one."

"I don't think we're being irresponsible by not introducing something that residents have already voiced opposition to," Lyman said, citing the strong resistance the pay-as-you-throw proposal drew in 2003.

School Committee member Art Barber agrees with Lyman, despite the fact that revenue raised from the program could be put towards closing the \$1.3 million deficit in the school budget.

"I don't think voters are ready to support that," he said. "I've yet to hear from anybody that thinks it's a good idea. I think there are better ways of generating revenue."

According to School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein, the School Committee has no intention of taking an official stance on the issue, as "it does not come under the purview of the School Committee."

"I will say that collaboratively, the School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee should be looking for ways to close the gap for schools," Silberstein added, "and at the bear min-

imum bring school services to level services as they did for the town."

Dann thinks this year is an especially good time to start the waste reduction program not only because of the existing budgetary problems, but because the Northeast Solid Waste Committee contract that Andover has been bound to since 1985 is now expired. Under the old NESWC contract, Andover and the other 22 towns that signed on were required to deliver a set amount of annual waste tonnage to Wheelabrator North Andover, a municipal waste combustor. Any town that did not contribute the required tonnage had to pay to fill in the amount of tonnage short.

"There was sort of an incentive for us not to recycle," said Dann.

With the old contract ending in 2005, Andover has just signed a new five-year NESWC contract with Wheelabrator, and under improved terms.

"The new contract has no annual tonnage requirement," Dann said. "We pay by the ton. So the less we deliver, the less we pay."

Dann argues that her program would reduce the amount of waste that Andover delivers through increased recycling, ultimately saving the town money, while concurrently collecting money from people who require more than one trash bag per week, and especially from those unwilling to recycle.

"It's smart, it's fair and it's environmentally sound," she said. "And this is the right time to do it."

Early start to school next year

By Brian Davidson

Andover's public school teachers have voted to start working before Labor Day next year, and the School Committee has granted their request.

"It's the first time this has happened in my time," said eight-year Superintendent Claudia Bach.

Towards the end of each year, Bach drafts two or three calendar options for the next school year and presents them to the teachers union to vote on. The School Committee then has to approve the vote before it is made final.

This year, Bach gave the teachers union two options. On calendar "A," teachers report to

work on Wednesday, Aug. 30 and Thursday, Aug. 31, before having a four-day weekend, ending on Labor Day.

"The four-day weekend is to sweeten the deal," said Bach.

School officially opens the following day, Tuesday, Sept. 5, and ends on Friday, June 15, barring any snow days. "The majority of teachers voted on option A," said Bach. "And all the public input said calendar A, so the parents wanted it too."

Bach said calendar "A" was more favorable to parents and students because summer programs and camps begin at the end of June. With the new calendar, snow days will not threaten summer plans.

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BOOK REVIEW

Island of the Aunts

BY EVA IBBOTSON

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

John and James review a book in which three neglected children are recruited to help protect a magical world where three aunts are its guardians.

IMAGINE GROWING UP IN A MAGICAL WORLD where mermaids, krakens, and other fantastic creatures roam free. Imagine trying to protect a world from outsiders who want to expose the magic that lives within it. In *Island of the Aunts* by Eva Ibbotson, this is the job of three kids – who didn't exactly sign-up for the position!

Aunt Etta, Aunt Myrtle, and Aunt Coral are the guardians of an island where mystical creatures such as the boobrie and kraken need constant care.

But keeping up with all the "animals" is beginning to be too much for the trio, so they decide to get some help in a very unorthodox way.

They decide that they want to kidnap three children from London, England, to help them do the everyday tasks that are beginning to overwhelm them.

They decide to select children who seem to be ignored and who feel as if they are alone in the world. They eventually decide that Fabio and Minette are two perfect options who should be great successes as future guardians of the lands that they have spent their lives protecting. The two children eventually begin to realize that they may be more lucky than they initially believe... but that isn't true of everyone.

When flaky Aunt Myrtle inadvertently captures Lambert, the bratty son of a wealthy man with no morals, the aunts have no ideas what kind of trouble will be unleashed, and what danger awaits the island and its innocence.

Island of the Aunts by Eva Ibbotson is an amazing novel that incorporates the best of fantasy, suspense, mystery and humor right into a single volume.

For this reason, this book will be appreciated by almost all readers.

Ibbotson's writing style is unique, and strikes us as a mix of Rowling's and Snicket's voices. Her descriptions are vivid and imaginative, and each turn in the plot is unpredictable.

This book is best recommended for those readers ages 8 and older. The tone and wording of the book make it an excellent choice for reading together as a family.

We give *Island of the Aunts* by Eva Ibbotson a nine out of 10 rating. It is an excellent choice for young adults of all ages. If readers enjoy this book, Ibbotson's other works are equally as engaging. Some of her most famous works include *The Secret of Platform 13*, *Which, Witch?*, and *Dial-A-Ghost*.

So head on down to your local bookstore or library today, and pick up your very own copy of *Island of the Aunts* by Eva Ibbotson.

Just remember – there is magic around us every day. You might just have to look a little bit harder to see it!

Pingree School staging Aladdin

Pingree School's Children's Theatre Troupe will present a one-time performance of *Aladdin*. The show will be held Thursday, April 27 at 10 a.m. in the Mary Weld Pingree Center for Performing Arts in South Hamilton.

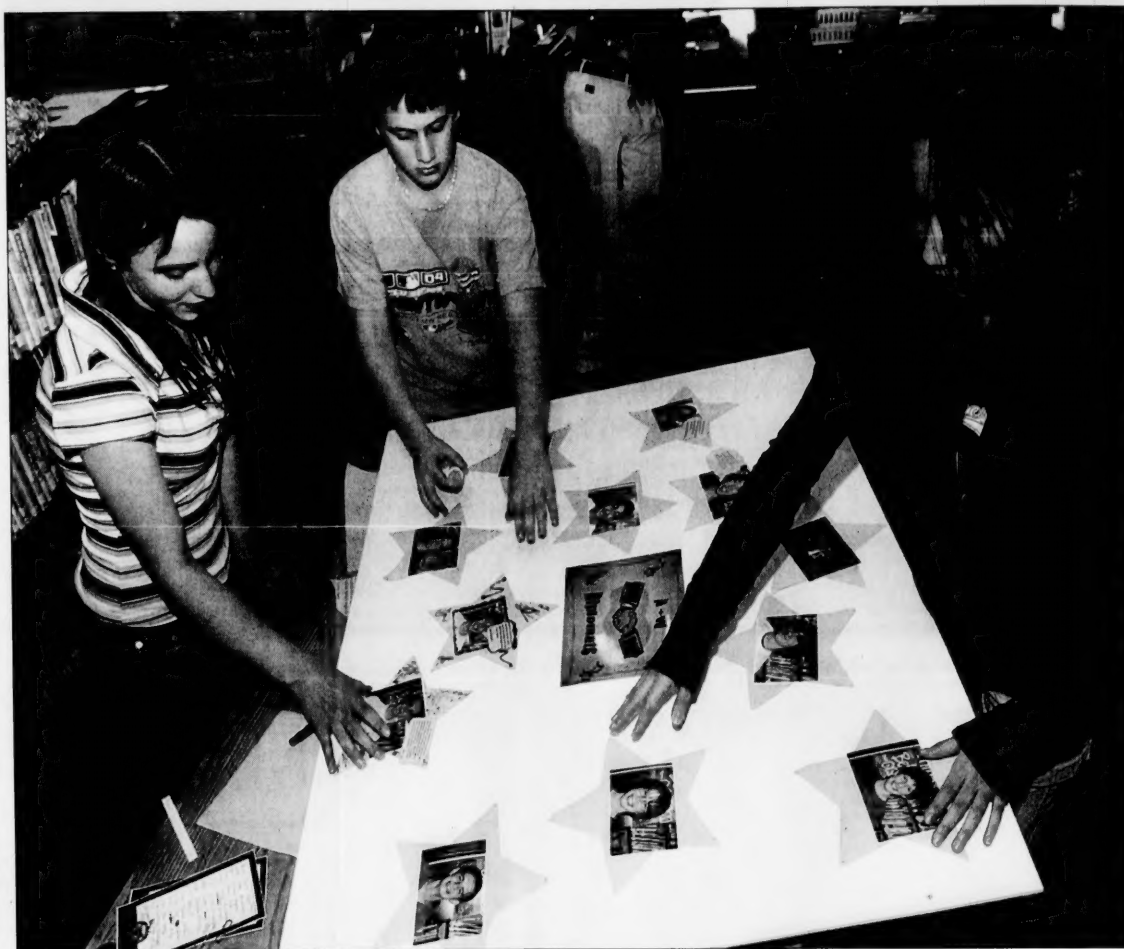
Cast members include Andover resident Cara Lemire, class of '08, who will play "Woman 2."

Ticket prices are \$5, with special discount prices for school groups. The performance is open to the public.

Scholar Night for 8th-graders at Doherty Middle School is April 27

Doherty Middle School will hold its annual Grade 8 Scholar Night on Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The Doherty Middle School honor roll for the second term will be published next week, April 20.]



From left, Rose Greeley, Lucas Fenstermacher and Chisato Suga collaborate on the West Middle School Academic Bowl team display board, getting it ready for Parents Night on Tuesday, April 25 when the Academic Bowl awards will be distributed.

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West Middle, paired with Arlington Middle, retains Academic Bowl honors

By Brian Davidson

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL has defended its Academic Bowl title this year, joining heads with Arlington Middle School of Lawrence to win first place for a second straight year. The annual competition, now in its 20th year, is put on by the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, a public education agency, and includes 14 middle schools from Andover, North Andover, Lawrence and Methuen.

Each school partners with a school from a different town to make nine teams in all.

With Doherty Middle and Timony Middle of Methuen winning second prize, and Wood Hill Middle and South Lawrence East Middle placing third, the 2006 Academic Bowl was a clean sweep for Andover.

"That's attributed to excellence of teaching," said Kathleen Cherney, a special needs assistant at West Middle who helped supervise the school's team of 18 seventh- and eighth-graders. "And a lot of hard work by some very smart students."

The West Middle students were recommended by their teachers and picked by Coordinator Lynn Willey, the school librarian. In several rounds, the seven teams competed against each other in head-to-head or three-way matches, rotating venues so that each school was able to host the event.

The West Middle students practiced weekly for an hour and a half after school in the library, studying the topics that GLEC would



Aaron Fahy glues a picture of his face onto his star for the West Middle School Academic Bowl Team display board.

provide for them before each round of competition.

"I used the weekly meetings after school

for team building as well as practice," said Willey. "We had nine seventh-graders and nine eighth-graders, so a lot of the students didn't even know each other at first."

Willey attributed their first-place finish to team work, she said, as many of the events emphasized working together.

During the first half of each competition, or the "table round," each team was broken up into four squads and had to cooperate to complete three timed projects: a building activity, a word scramble, and a map-making activity. The second half of the competition was an on-stage buzzer round, during which teams would answer questions by buzzing in first.

"I watched what our kids were doing," said Willey. "And after the second week you could really see the Arlington kids and our kids getting along."

Winning the competition taught the students the importance of teamwork, said Willey, and according to eighth-grader Aaron Fahy, the lesson wasn't lost on them.

"We worked together, we studied hard and put a lot of effort into it," said Aaron. "We took it seriously, but not too seriously, so we stayed calm the whole time. But what really helped is that we worked so well together."

West Middle's Academic Bowl team will be honored in an awards ceremony on Tuesday evening, April 25, at the South Lawrence East Middle School.

"They're great, great kids," said Willey. "I'm very proud of them."

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Wood Hill students named to second-term honors

Wood Hill Middle School has named the following students to the honor roll for Term 2:

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Hassan Ali
Ava Bakhtyari
Robert Banta
John Belanger
Courtney Benjamin
Jonathan Bergen
Molly Burke
Nina Cecere
Jennifer Coneeny
Michael Davidson
Michael DeLuca
Cameron Dwyer
Derek Farquhar
Taylor Farris
Connor Fortune
Evan Gaj
Audrey Hansen
Camille Harris
Jenny Hu
Jennifer Huang
Danielle Jacobsen
Haley Jordan
Candace Ju
Sarah Kanell

Alexander King
Daniel Krichmar
Victoria Kulungian
Joseph Kuykendall
Jessica Lem
Eduardo Machado
Alison Marotta
Miriam McKinney
Brett McQuaide
Anthia Mo
Margaret Mullins
Eric Nohetty
Brendan O'Connell
Mary Osborne
Elyse Pengeroth
Jacob Phan
Stephen Richards
Brianna Rockwell
Charles Schleifer
Ananya Sen Gupta
Syona Shetty
Paul Sockol
Hayden Tauscher
Kathryn Toebes
Daniel Yaghmorian
Michaela Zukowski

HONORS
Elizabeth Belbin
Julie Brennan
Isabella Brody
Elise Brogan
Devin Burke

Isabelle Campbell
Gabrielle Cappello
Brian Coiro
James Conley
Richard Dube
Frederick Duquet
Christopher Ferreira
Naisy Flannery
Mary Gavel
Morgan Goldstein
Leon He
Jacqueline Himmer
Mariah Hyslip
Gregory Johnson
Tabitha Kadima
Caitlin Kemp
Thomas LoMedico
Melanie Long
Rebecca Long
Renee Lucia
Evan Macheras
Danielle Marcotte
Sean McCall
Reina Ono
Alyssa Rogalski
Jake Sacco
Danielle Stevens
Lauren Thiele
Shannon Watts

Grade 7

HIGH HONORS
Zachary Allen
Bridget Aumais
Sri John Bhunia
Sarah Brown
Brianna Byers
Elizabeth Carroll
Ryan Chan
Connor Clancy
Arthur Dalton
Christina Fang
Gabrielle Galat
Kurt Geffen
Arielle Gillette
Dina Hagigeorges
Evan Hayssen
Nora Huntley
Shawn Jin
Nathan Johnson
Ron Kramer
Alexander Lee
Justin Lippa
Lea Macheras
Glen Martin
Kerryn McNamee
Michael McQuillan
Sean McQuillan
Chaun Michael Medeiros
Lydia Mesler
Sara Miller
Sara Miller

Meaghan Molloy
Sarah Moroz
Andrew Newcomb
Christopher Newton
Katherine Parker
Samantha Pellegrino
Michael Pulido
Erin Ricketts
Kevin Roberge
Eunbyul Roh
Jared Rosen
Taylor Scult
John Terranova
Michaela Van Antwerp
Benjamin Wang
Alec Weiss
Brett Welch
Pratiksha Yalakkishettar
Annie Ye
Ziyuan Zhang

HONORS
Hatim Abbasi
Thomas Adie
Sylvana Adly
Melissa Bustillo
Catherine Carney
Samantha Crompton
Leah Curtis
Ari Goldstein
Isaac Hache
Sara Heath
Carolyn Jenkins

Ha Lim Kim
Mackenzie Koravos
Michelle Krupnik
Ji Eon Lee-Namung
Matthew Levine
He Liu
John Malaguti
Jillian Manning
Rachel Mattison
Benjamin McQuaide
Rebecca Miller
Holly Mulken
Rachel Ochs
Jillian Pengeroth
Jacqueline Phan
Meghan Pierce
Jessica Quinn
Dimitri Roumeliotis
Alexandra Savely
Mitchell Slovlin
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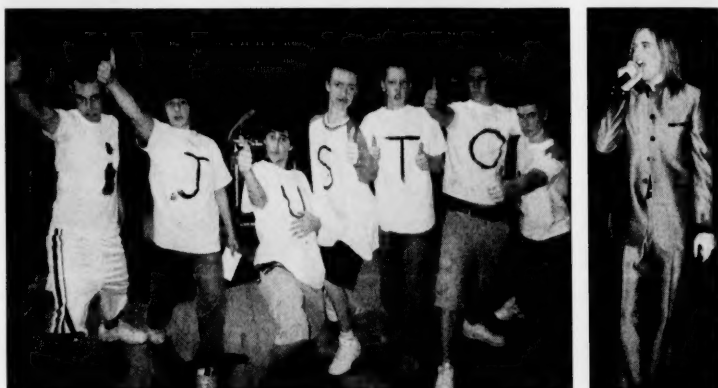
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ROCKING WOOD HILL



COURTESY PHOTOS

Justo Lamas (above right), a contemporary singer from Argentina who is on a national tour, swung by Wood Hill Middle School to meet some of his fans. Students welcomed him with giant banners, posters and cheers. Students in foreign language classes have been listening to his music and were able to sing along with the lyrics to many of his songs. Most of the time, students and teachers were on their feet, dancing, with Justo's encouragement. Above left, this enthusiastic group of fans were dubbed the "Justo Boys" by the singer; they led the crowd in singing and dancing. The boys, from left, are: Nicholas Enxing, Christian Maddox, Craig Hornung, Scott Sweeney, David Barry, Alex Fortune and John Hennessey. He was in constant motion, dancing and engaging the audience to participate in the fun. The concert was sponsored by the Foreign Language Department at Wood Hill as part of National Foreign Language Month. The foreign language teachers at the school are Patricia Gregory (French), Laura Leach (Latin), and Norma Villarreal (Spanish).

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

The Andover public schools are closed next week, April 17-21, for spring vacation. Here's what's for lunch in the public schools the following week, April 24-28:

Elementary schools

Monday: Baked macaroni and cheese, chicken McSchool, chocolate chip pancakes with ham sticks, fruit, veggie, milk and lucky tray day.
Tuesday: Pizza stick, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.
Wednesday: EARLY RELEASE - No lunch.
Thursday: Tuna sandwich with tomato soup, french toast with sausages, hot dog with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.
Friday: BBQ chicken with potatoes and corn, chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie, milk and yellow cake with frosting.

Middle schools

Monday: Fried chicken with mashed potatoes and corn, stuffed crust pizza, chicken McSchool, fruit, veggie and milk.
Tuesday: Two beefy burritos with salsa, bagel pizza, two hot dogs with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.
Wednesday: Shepherd's pie, stuffed crust pizza, two toasted cheese sandwiches, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey with all the trimmings, bakery pizza, American chop suey with garlic bread, apple cobbler, fruit, veggie and milk.
Friday: Ham and cheese sub with pasta salad and chips, stuffed crust pizza, rib-b-que dippers, fruit, veggie and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: Two hot dogs with fries, stuffed crust pizza, baked macaroni and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.
Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatball with garlic bread, fruit, veggie and milk.
Wednesday: Baked meatloaf with potatoes and green beans, stuffed crust pizza, chicken parm sandwich, fruit, veggie and milk.
Thursday: Chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, chicken broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggie and milk.
Friday: Chef's choice, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily. For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

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Business

Soon, it will cost about a third more to build in Andover

Selectmen support 30-percent fee increase; puts town in line with neighbors, says Teichert

By Greta Cuyler

Residents adding onto their homes will pay 30 percent more in building fees, effective May 15.

On Monday, selectmen voted to increase building department fees for the second time in the last two weeks.

As a result, a homeowner with a \$200,000 addition will soon pay a \$2,600 building fee, up from the current \$2,000.

The vote was 3-2, with Selectmen Ted Teichert, Alex Vispoli and John Hess supporting the fee increase, and Mary Lyman and Brian Major opposed.

Major said he did not believe the board had ever increased a fee twice within two weeks.

"There was no business reason for doing it, it was pure greed," he said.

Building fees have been set at \$10

per \$1,000 of valuation. Selectmen recently approved an increase to \$12, and on Monday decided to raise it another \$1 per \$1,000.

Monday night was Teichert's last as board chairman. He made the motion for the fee increase, he said, because \$13 is in line with what surrounding communities charge. The increase will also make it easier for Andover to resolve its budget issues.

Teichert originally supported an increase to \$13 a couple of weeks ago, he said, and in light of Gov. Mitt Romney's budget and the House budget providing Andover with less-than-anticipated state aid, the fee increase makes even more sense.

The vote was made at the end of Monday's meeting, after 10 p.m., with two citizens still in attendance.

"It's dangerous," said Major.

"Selectmen can increase fees as much as we want anytime we want."

Teichert said the building department did not request the second fee increase. A secretary in the building department on Tuesday confirmed that the fee increase was not specifically requested by the building division.

"No one wants things to go up," said Teichert. "But the price of bread is not 20 cents anymore."

BRIEFS

New work for photographer

Andover photographer Jim Primmer was a contributing photographer to the fall edition of *North Shore Magazine*. In an article on the town of Andover, as well as an interview article with John Rogers, Primmer's photographs of various Andover buildings and landmarks were used, according to a release. Additionally, his photograph "Annisquam Winter" was used on the parting shot page.

Primmer has just had his photographs used for the artwork of the new release by Troy, Mattacks, Brown: *Live at Captain Carlos*. TMB consists of John Troy, Dave Mattacks, and David Brown, musicians who have played with the likes of Paul McCartney, Jethro Tull, Richard Thompson, Joe Cocker and Billy Joel, according to a release. While Primmer has been photographing musicians for about three years and has photographs on numerous musician Web sites, this is his first CD cover and insert. Two of Primmer's photos are also on John Troy's solo release, *just when you thought I was done*.

Primmer, of 9 Belknap Drive, is the owner of Lasting Impressions Photography and Lasting Impressions Picture Framing, which is located in a restored mill building in Lawrence. He also does fine art photography and portrait photography.

Tulip leading MV United Way

Thomas H. Tulip has been named chairman of the Board of Directors of United Way of Merrimack Valley. Tulip succeeds James J. Karamourtopoulos of Methuen.

"Thom has provided our board of directors with vision and expertise since joining our board five years ago," says UWMV President Timothy J. Schiavoni. "He has been especially instrumental as part of our strategic planning process. We are fortunate today, to have him in this leadership capacity and to build on the outstanding contributions of James Karamourtopoulos as we work together to shape UWMV to meet the challenges of the future."

Tulip is a vice president with Bilerica-based Bristol-Myers Squibb Medical Imaging.

"Both Bristol-Myers Squibb and my previous employer enjoy long-standing corporate relationships with United Way on the national level," Tulip says. "I have truly enjoyed working with the Merrimack Valley chapter of this organization and have been able to see first hand the difference that can be made on the local level."

Tulip earned his master's and doctorate degrees in inorganic chemistry from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He also earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont where he graduated magna cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Tulip has been an Andover resident since 1991 and is married with two children.

MV Chamber mixer

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce together with Minco and the Stevens Estate will present "A Patriot Business Networking Mixer" on Tuesday, April 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Stevens Estate, 723 Osgood St., North Andover. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

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... AND SPRING CLEANING

Above, Mark Fedorchuk, a golf professional at Sarkisian Farms Driving Range, enjoys the warm spring day as he hits a few golf balls on Tuesday. With the warmer weather, the driving range and other seasonal businesses in town are opening for business.



The change in season also means it's time for many shops to put on a new face. At right, Bill Johnson from DiZoglio Painting puts a fresh coat of paint on 96 Main St., by the home of Ultimate Perk.

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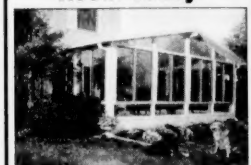
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Opinion

Decision time arriving

NEARLY ALL ANDOVER RESIDENTS will find that Town Meeting will make decisions that affect their lives. And every registered voter can be a part of those decisions. Town Meeting voters decide how every tax dollar will be spent and determine many of the rules residents must live by. Town Meeting begins on Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the field house at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road.

While town leaders have displayed a penchant for brokering 11th-hour budget deals, if school and town officials cannot agree on how much to spend on education, residents will have a real choice before them at Town Meeting. Residents might be left to set the priorities for the town, because the schools want \$1.3 million more of the budget than the town manager recommends.

Empty-nesters and retirees might be interested in a proposal that will make it easier to build housing for people 55 and older. But will enough residents want the change in zoning rules that would allow more densely packed housing?

Voters will also decide whether they believe the new wetlands bylaw is needed to protect fragile land from development, or whether it has gone too far in limiting what average homeowners can do with their properties.

Those are just three of the 50 articles to be debated at Town Meeting. Residents – whether they are interested in more playing fields, conservation or lower taxes – should find something to stir their interest.

Web question

Support increase in building fees?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: With the 2006 baseball season officially underway, the Red Sox are fielding a much different team than last year. Is it a better team?

25 people voted.
• 1 person, or 4 percent, said, "Yes! They're better defensively. Defense wins championships!"
• 6 people, or 24 percent, said, "Absolutely, a stronger bullpen was the upgrade they needed."
• 10 people, or 40 percent, said, "Not yet convinced either way."
• 2 people, or 8 percent, said, "No way, their offense took too many blows in the offseason."
• 5 people, or 20 percent, said, "Doesn't matter, the Yankees will finish on top this year anyways!"
• 1 person, or 4 percent, said, "Other."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: In a 3-2 vote, which took place after 10 p.m. at a meeting this week, selectmen increased the building fee by 30 percent, the second building-fee increase in two weeks (see page 9 story). Is this a good idea?

• Yes. We need to continue to find creative ways to help take stress off our budget.
• Yes. The increase puts our building fee in line with other comparable communities.
• Yes, for another reason.
• No. Two increases in two weeks – for a total of 30 percent – is too much.
• No. The building department never requested this. It is not to pay for building-related costs.
• No, for another reason.
• Other.
To vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

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The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Next week's issue is the last *Townsman* before Town Meeting.

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LETTERS

Medicare flop

Editor, *Townsman*:

After reading the letter from Maria Maimina about her difficulty with the new Medicare D benefit, I can only hope one of our elected officials will take the time to help her. Sadly, her plight is far from unique. Why have so many elderly had so much trouble getting their prescriptions? Some have said that it takes time to get any new program to run smoothly. Others attribute the problems to the general incompetence of the Bush administration, as evidenced by the war in Iraq, the Katrina response and massive trade deficits.

I believe that there is another, more basic reason the new Medicare D benefit will continue to be a source of frustration for us all: Quite simply, Medicare D puts businesses' interests above consumers' interests. The guiding principle of this legislation is to ensure health-related businesses will prosper. Why do you think the insurance and drug industries lobbied for and support this legislation so vigorously?

This legislation prohibits our government from serving as an advocate for our elderly and disabled. Instead, each of us is essentially on our own. Our government is prohibited from negotiating lower prices for prescriptions or certifying a small number of providers from which to choose. The elderly and disabled are expected to be savvy enough to negotiate the best deal with private businesses, whose primary motivation is to maximize profits.

I believe the problems with Medicare D are just beginning. Already, the projected cost to the taxpayers of \$400 billion over 10 years has been doubled to \$800 billion. We need to seriously consider finding another way to help our elderly and disabled get the prescriptions they need – one that is based on a system where our government serves as the primary advocate for the consumer, not the supplier.

Andrew Rouse
5 Cattle Crossing

Regional effort for ramp has come a long way

Editor, *Townsman*:

I was pleased with the supportive tone of your March 23 editorial concerning the efforts of Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington to gain approval for the construction of a new interchange off Interstate 93 into the Junction Development area located in those three towns. The construction of the interchange has been a long standing priority for the town of Andover in particular. First and foremost, it will provide significant traffic relief for the Ballardvale Village center by reducing commuter traffic from the Junction Development area. Secondly, it will spur development of previously landlocked and poorly accessed parcels of land by providing direct access to Interstate 93.

Each of the three communities involved in the most recent four-year-old effort to build this interchange have clearly recognized a variety of "bottom lines" which must be achieved or met within individual communities in order to maintain mutual, broad-based support for the project. One such "bottom line" recognized by all parties is that the design and construction of the interchange must result in significant reductions in traffic in Ballardvale Village even after significant new development is taken into account. To achieve this, the interchange design eventually selected must provide a fast, direct route for the 6,500 or more commuters who currently work in

the Andover and Wilmington areas of the Junction, as well as the many, many thousands of new drivers that will result from new development. This "bottom line" must be achieved to reach Andover's prime objectives and to enjoy its support.

Other communities have similar bottom lines. Tewksbury, in particular, cannot accept a local road connection onto exclusively residential streets such as South Street, for obvious and understandable reasons. To achieve its development goals (and those of Andover and Wilmington) on the west side of Interstate 93, Tewksbury and Wilmington have worked collaboratively with Andover to find the same convenient, direct access to Interstate 93 without creating additional traffic on local roads.

We, as a region, have come a long way on this project based on collaboration that deals with real issues, real problems and real solutions that a mutually acceptable to all parties. Second guessing the motives and actions of individual communities, without an appreciation of the underlying needs and problem they are trying to manage and solve, will only lead to delays in this urgent project.

Robert J. Halpin
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SCHOOL FUNDING

Selectmen, get creative – or support trash fees

Editor, *Townsman*:

I continue to be dismayed at the lack of effort shown by the selectmen and the town manager towards finding ways to fund the Andover School Committee's 2006-07 recommended budget. While they proclaim pride in closing the gap of "their" budget, they seem to have no inclination to work with the School Committee to adequately fund our schools, in spite of numerous suggestions from the public regarding innovative and not-so-innovative ways to generate revenue.

Once again, a not-so-innovative way to generate revenue is through pay-as-you-throw trash fees. Why can't we join the rest of the Commonwealth in its trend towards charging for trash pick-up? I am so tired of hearing selectmen say it is an unfair, disguised tax. It is not; in fact, it is a very fair way to charge, by

charging per bag so that households generating more trash (like mine, I admit) are charged accordingly. It is also a proven way to increase recycling.

In case the selectmen and the town manager haven't heard, parents of children in the public schools have been paying unfair disguised taxes for a few years, without much complaint. They seem to be very willing to do so, to a point. That source of revenue has reached its limit. School parents objected last year when higher Andover High School parking fees were being considered (from \$100 to \$325) and the School Committee listened by keeping the fee at \$100.

There may be other ways to generate fees. There may be other areas to scrutinize in the budget. I am not an expert, only a parent with one child left to travel through Andover's school

system, and it's my belief that it is time for the entire town to take responsibility for maintaining a good school system, which benefits all of us. Parents have been raising money, holding events, paying fees, funding libraries, building playgrounds, funding enrichment activities, giving money for supplies and much more, for a long time. It's time for the selectmen to step up to the plate and help us find solutions to this budget shortfall.

I am grateful to the selectmen for all the hours they put into their jobs. But their job isn't finished yet. I look forward to a Town Meeting that proposes a budget that funds our whole "town" fairly. I won't support one that fails to do so, and I don't think anyone who cares about the future of our schools should.

Thyra Sherman
25 Wethersfield Drive

TOWN MEETING ISSUES

I'm supporting the schools budget – and town leaders should, too

Editor, *Townsman*:

Why I support the Andover School Committee's budget:

• I am grateful that all the senior citizens during the 1970s and 1980s supported the school budgets so my children could receive a high quality education in Andover.

• Now that I'm a senior citizen, it is my turn to contribute to a quality education for the Andover children of today.

• For over 35 years, my tax dollars have been used to create an ever-improving, student-centered curriculum. We all know that student needs have changed in 35 years, so I want my current tax dollars to support the changes needed to prepare our students for

the future.

• Andover attracts high caliber teachers in all disciplines K-12 because we value quality teaching and caring individuals. We must maintain our excellent teaching staff.

• We all support the repairs to the roofs of our town and school buildings, so we don't risk damage to their interiors. In the same way, I support the school budget so we don't risk lowering the fine quality of teaching and learning occurring in all our schools.

• I think there are sufficient available funds to support this school budget if the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the School Committee work together. They should identify the essential ser-

vices that Andover must provide with our tax dollars. Difficult choices can and should be made, if they are not willing to consider new ideas for additional revenues. Again, keep in mind that, as taxpayers, we want to protect the investments we've already made.

The three town boards have worked together in the past. I hope their leadership will guide us through this difficult financial crisis. If not, Town Meeting will stand up for our schools ... and our town. Town Meeting deserves and expects a school budget that maintains our quality schools and prepares our students for the future.

Tina Girdwood
15 Tucker Road

55+ housing article would destroy town's thoughtful planning concepts

Editor, *Townsman*:

Article 34 could completely change the pattern of residential development in Andover by giving the Planning Board power to approve developments of age-restricted, high-density housing on lots five or more acres in any residential zone. The stated purposes are: to provide less expensive, low maintenance housing including nursing care and support services for persons 55 or older; to encourage the preservation of open space and the town's residential character; and to promote flexibility in land-use planning. Amenities which may be included are common areas, a common dining facility, space for social, psychological and educational programs, and walking and bicycling paths. However, an examination of Article 34 shows it contains serious flaws and is unlikely to achieve the desired objectives.

The permitted housing densities are seven units per acre of buildable land in zones SRA and SRB and four units per acre of buildable land in SRC. The units could consist of single family dwellings, duplex structures, and/or multifamily structures. The developments would not be located by rational planning considerations but could be randomly distributed in any residential zone where a developer could acquire a parcel of five or more acres or cobble together enough land by combining oversize lots or tear-downs. The development must be served by the town water supply but the usual requirement that high density developments be connected to an existing sewer could be waived.

There is no restriction on the number of dwelling units contained in a single structure; all the units could be contained in a single large apartment building. Thirty percent of the lot area could be covered by structures. This means the ground level footprint of individual units could be as large as 2,600 square feet per unit in SRA and SRB and 4,600 square feet in SRC. For a two-story building, this translates to dwelling unit areas of 5,200 and 9,200 square feet. Units of this size can hardly be considered small and would certainly not be inexpensive.

To support the maintenance services, common facilities and other amenities envisioned in the statement of purposes, it has been estimated that a development of at least 60 dwelling units would be needed. This would require a site area of more than 12 acres in zones SRA and SRB and 20 acres in SRC, far in excess of the five-acre minimum required. In addition, the proposal specifies a maximum of 75 units on any site, making it virtually impossible to construct a development having much in the way of the hoped for amenities.

The 15-percent affordable component specified in the proposal would be restricted to individuals over 55 and not available to younger people or families who really need such housing. A cash contribution to the Andover Housing Trust Fund, the amount and timing unspecified, could be made in lieu of the 15-percent affordable component.

Finally, while the stipulation that the required 30 percent open space be 100 per-

cent upland is a step in the right direction, the net open space per dwelling unit will actually be reduced due to the higher densities permitted.

The most probable result of this proposal will be pockets of high density housing on lots of five to 10 acres scattered throughout the town. Little in the way of maintenance services and common amenities will be possible on such small sites but traffic and the demand for town services will be substantially increased. There is no guarantee the units will be small, inexpensive or in harmony with the neighborhood. Controls based on harmony with the surroundings are subjective and usually unenforceable.

Thoughtful planning and good zoning have been key elements in making Andover a pleasant and attractive town. The goal has been to encourage a compact urban town center surrounded by semi-urban residential development with reduced density moving out from the center and an open, semi-rural character on the outskirts of town. This concept provides a variety of living environments and provides visual separation from neighboring communities, sustaining the individuality of the town. Article 34 will promote small, scattered high density complexes in outlying districts, destroy the planning concepts that have guided development, accelerate the growth of the town, and not achieve the stated purposes.

Vote "No" on Article 34.

Jim and Peggy Keck
52 Harold Parker Road

TOWN MEETING LETTERS

Don't sink wetlands rule, improve it

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing to encourage my fellow citizens to vote at Town Meeting to keep Andover's wetlands bylaw in place, and not to repeal the entire bylaw just because one family has experienced well-publicized problems in recent months due to an unfortunate series of misunderstandings. If the wording of the particular section of the bylaw led to a misunderstanding, by all means propose an amendment to clarify the intent of that section. But don't throw out the baby with the bath water! Keep what is valuable, and improve what is problematic.

What is valuable about the wetlands bylaw? Its purposes are: to prevent flooding; keep drinking and well water clean and abundant; maintain flow in rivers and streams, especially during the summer; provide habitat for diverse plant and animal communities; support fishing, canoeing, swimming, hunting and other recreational activities; and assure that houses and other buildings are located on stable soils and protected from storm damage. Most people in Andover value these purposes.

Without natural, healthy wetlands, we would experience more extreme flooding, more water pollution, more storm damage, and diminished opportunities to enjoy the out-of-doors. Think of the damage inflicted on New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina after years of systematically dredging, filling, diverting, pumping, damming, and otherwise damaging the wetlands systems that used to protect and maintain the city. We have learned from past mistakes and recognized the wisdom of protecting the wetlands that we still have.

Why do we need a town wetlands bylaw if we already have a state Wetlands Protection Act? Many towns, in applying the state law to local development proposals, have found that the state law does not protect certain types of wetlands, or does not protect them adequately, or does not give the local Conservation Commission enough authority to achieve the best protection possible. Thus, over half the towns in the Commonwealth have enacted local wetland bylaws, including Andover.

To be specific, our bylaw recognizes wetland values such as recreation and protection of surrounding land and buildings that are not included in the state law. Our bylaw protects isolated wetlands and vernal pools, as well as the state-protected wetlands that border on lakes and streams. Our bylaw assures public notification and public participation for all permit applications, providing information to neighbors most likely to be affected by proposed work and giving them an opportunity to inform the Conservation Commission about local concerns such as flooding, erosion and visual character. It requires notification to other town boards involved in development, encouraging timely and efficient participation in the review of development proposals. It man-

dates minimum setbacks between developed areas and wetlands to provide a vegetated buffer zone that removes pollution, slows down runoff, reduces erosion, and provides wildlife migration corridors. It offers special protection for our public water supply watershed. Our bylaw authorizes the commission to grant waivers where site constraints make full compliance impossible. It authorizes the commission to collect fees to cover the costs incurred by the town for permit review, construction inspection, and other necessary tasks. It authorizes the commission to hire consultants to advise them when project designs are highly technical and complex. It authorizes the commission to require developers to post bonds or other securities to guarantee that projects are completed properly. Finally, our bylaw authorizes the commission to issue fines to those who violate and degrade wetlands, and to take them to court if violations are not corrected in a timely fashion. The State Wetlands Protection Act does none of these things.

Think about the undeveloped land in your neighborhood. Think about the projects being built in your neighborhood. Think about the streams, ponds, marshes, floodplains, and forests in your neighborhood. Isn't it best to have the Conservation Commission evaluating the natural resources, listening to your concerns, working out the best project design with the developer, and having the tools to assure safe construction? I think so.

I ask residents to keep our valuable wetlands-protection bylaw in place. Then we can work with the Conservation Commission to identify problems and make amendments that resolve them.

Fran Fink
26 Bateson Drive

Wetlands bylaw needs to go

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing to discuss the Andover Warrant Articles 29 and 30 that will be voted on at the upcoming Town Meeting. These articles would transfer stewardship of the open space parcels that abut the Hearthstone Village and Gemano Way subdivisions to the Conservation Commission. While I am not opposed to the land transfers, I do want to amend the Articles to protect the neighborhoods and public safety from abuses by the Conservation Commission.

Comments attributed to Chairman Don Cooper that appeared in this paper recently stated that the Wetlands Bylaw has only had three denials of 690 applications. That extremely misleading statement is indicative of the treatment Andover residents receive from this commission, especially Cooper and Paul Finger who effectively run the commission themselves. The better question would have been "how many of the 690 applications were approved without modifications or deed restrictions within the 21 days required?" Clearly the vast majority of decisions involved a much higher degree of legal and engineering work than the State law requires and were only approved after significant bullying on the part of the Commission.

In February our Hearthstone neighborhood applied to the Commission for a determination of applicability to maintain the area adjacent to the roadway which is exempt from our bylaw and allowed by state law. We have not received a response as of this date.

My biggest concern deals with the changing of the local wetland bylaw procedures without scientific justification. When the bylaw was approved,

we were told that there were "no exceptions to the exceptions" In other words, there were clearly stated protections to homeowners, and no ability for the Commission to un-do those protections. We were also told at the 1999 Town Meeting that the Commission had never regulated the mowing of grass and never would. The critical issue is not that they have broken these promises, but that the Commission does not appear to be finished with eliminating the protections we were promised. Recently, they proposed regulations limiting dog houses. Basically, as a new dog owner, I find this new intrusion to be reprehensible.

Our neighborhood supports the preservation of our natural resources and our open space; however, we do not support the Conservation Commission's recent actions which discourage volunteers from helping with the maintenance of open space near our roadsides or drainage easements. These actions have an adverse effect on litter and public safety and ultimately lower our property values and increase our town expenses.

If Articles 29 and 30 are to be passed, they need to be amended so that the Conservation Commission will not have unfettered discretion to deny appropriate uses of the open spaces. The open spaces need to be maintained, including the drainage easements and the existing grass areas within thirty feet of the roads in order to preserve the character and appearance and public safety of the neighborhoods. I ask residents to pay attention to this important issue, and support us when the amendments are made on the floor of Town Meeting.

Peter Lemay
7 Keystone Way

Parent leaders say students need more

Editor, *Townsmen*:

As PTO and PAC presidents, board members and frequent volunteers in the schools, we have seen first-hand how much the schools have already lost from the budget cuts that began four years ago. We are here to tell you, there is no more room to cut. While outside pressures such as health care, energy and mandated special education costs take up larger and larger portions of the school budget, regular education suffers losses. Teachers and staff are spread thin and wear multiple hats to continue to provide for students. Parents have done their part to make up for the shortcomings as well. It used to be that we raised funds to enrich the school experience with authors and artists. Now in addition to paying large fees, we raise funds just to maintain school services by buying paper, and paying for maintenance and even copy machines. It's time that town officials acknowledge this effort and help support the schools rather than asking for more from this group.

As Andover citizens, we are writing to support the School Committee and superintendent in the budget they have put forth for FY2007. The budget is disciplined and fiscally responsible in providing for the needs of our students. Today's students face an increasingly competitive, rapidly changing and complex world. Andover has dedicated teachers and offers a myriad of academic, fine arts and athletic options, but competi-

tion for college admissions intensifies each year and if Andover students are to keep up, they will need the current school services and more.

We urge the selectmen and Finance Committee to review the entire town budget, set priorities and find a way to fund the school budget in its entirety. As a community, we should make it a priority to give our students the tools to succeed. Allowing school funding to be cut further will undermine the principles that attract people to Andover and make it a special place to live.

We urge parents and other supporters of Andover schools to let their voices be heard. Contact town officials with opinions and thoughts but most importantly, attend Town Meeting on Monday, April 24 to vote.

Debbie Begos, 6 Wabanaki Way
Sanborn Elementary PTO president
Barbara Wait, 14 Iron Gate Drive
Wood Hill Middle PAC co-president
Florence Black, 153 Summer St.
Doherty Middle School PAC president
Cyndi Webber, 9 Gavin Circle
SEAC Townwide PTO Rep.
Jean-Marie Topham, 16 Iron Gate Drive
West Elementary PTO co-president
Cindy Corner, 3 Island Way
South Elementary PTO co-president

(22 other people signed this letter, representing PTO/PAC leadership at Shawsheen and each of the town's elementary and middle schools.)

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OBITUARIES

William Allen Gerard

Electrical engineer, church elder, artist, chef

William Allen "Bill" Gerard of Andover, died Friday, April 7. He was an elder of the New England Bible Church and a veteran of the US Navy. He spent his career as an electrical engineer for 20 years at Westinghouse, then 25 years at Varian Associates.



William Allen "Bill" Gerard

Family members said he was celebrated as an artist and chef by his friends and family.

Members of his family include his wife, Dorothy, to whom he was married for 53 years; sons, Dr. Kenneth W. Gerard and his wife Dr. Joan Burnside of Pennsylvania, and Lawrence D. Gerard and his wife Julie of Andover; daughters, Karan Gerard, and Lauren Lee Malcolm and husband Timothy of New Hampshire; four grandchildren; and one favorite dog.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Parkinson Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Mary T. Deacon

Was food service mgr. at Bancroft School

Mary T. (Felos) Deacon, 92, of Andover, died Wednesday, April 5, at Lawrence General Hospital.

She was born and raised in Stoughton and moved to Andover in 1949. She was a member of St. Augustine Parish, Andover, and was a member of the Catholic Daughters of St. Augustine's.

Before her retirement, she had worked as a food service manager at Bancroft School in Andover.

She was the widow of Cornelius H. Deacon.

Members of her family include her daughter, Judith A. Deacon of Oakland, Calif.; son, Thomas H. Deacon of Braintree; two sisters, Etta Naves of Brockton and Jennie DeLuca of Stoughton; a brother, Ralph Janaro of Brockton; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Louise I. Stevenson

Andover Baptist Church vocalist

Louise I. (Marshall) Stevenson, 76, a resident of Andover for five decades, died Friday, April 7, at the Wingate of Andover, after a lengthy illness.

She was the wife of James R. Stevenson, with whom she had celebrated a 49th wedding anniversary last Nov. 3.

She was born in Lowell, July 4, 1929, a daughter of the late George A. and Mary (Mitchell) Marshall.

She was raised in Tewksbury, and graduated from Tewksbury High School. She moved to Andover 49 years ago.

In her earlier years, she worked as a telephone operator for the former New England Telephone Company.

For four decades, Mrs. Stevenson had been an active member of the Andover Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher, and choir member.

She was a gifted soloist, her family said, and traveled throughout New England with her church choir.

Mrs. Stevenson also taught music at the Vacation Bible School, where she was affectionately called "Mrs. Music" by her students. She had also served as the co-president of the Merrimack Valley Baptist Women's Association.

Mrs. Stevenson was lovingly described by her family as an avid Red Sox baseball fan.

Besides her husband, members of her family include a son and daughter-in-law, David W. Stevenson and his wife Alison of Manchester; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy L. Stanton and her husband Michael of Amesbury; and many friends throughout the Merrimack Valley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central Lane, Andover, 01810; or Wingate of Andover, Resident Council Fund, 80 Andover St., Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by the Tewksbury Funeral Home, Main Street, Tewksbury.

Mary "Mae" E. Buczynski

Was a seamstress

Mary "Mae" E. Buczynski, 84, of Andover, formerly of Northfield, N.H., died Monday, April 3, at Lawrence General Hospital.

She was born in Northfield, on Sept. 17, 1921, the daughter of John Earl and Clara (Twombly) Simpson.

Mrs. Buczynski was raised in Northfield and attended local schools.

She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Tilton, where she was baptized, confirmed and married.

She also studied clothing-making and related courses in Massachusetts and was an accomplished seamstress.

Mrs. Buczynski was a long-time member of the Whiteman-Davidson American Legion Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary in Northfield. She and her husband lived in Milford, Conn., Peabody and Santa Maria, Calif., before moving to Andover in 1963.

Family members include her husband, Al Buczynski of Andover, whom she married in 1946; twin daughters and their husbands, Mary Lu and Lee Patterson of Sandown, N.H., and Lu Anne and Mike Smallwood of Methuen; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; an aunt, Clarida Cannon of Franklin; and nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Paquette-Neun Funeral Home, 104 Park St., Northfield, N.H.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Whiteman-Davidson American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary, 4 Park St., Northfield, N.H. 03276.

Pauline C. Burton

RN was longtime resident

Pauline C. (Knowles) Burton, 80, of Haverhill and formerly a resident of Andover for 38 years, died Saturday, April 8 at the Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading.

Mrs. Burton was the widow of Paul F. Burton, to whom she was married for 57 years.

Born in Corinna, Maine on Oct. 13, 1925, Mrs. Burton was the daughter of the late Dana and Minnie (Buck) Knowles.

In her youth she excelled at skating, and through dedication and hard work went on to become a national figure skating champion competing in both the US and Canada.

Mrs. Burton was a graduate of the Maine Central Institute becoming a registered nurse. Before staying home to raise her family, she had worked at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital.

She also devoted some of her time as a Red Cross volunteer, and worked at a Stoneham nursing home.

Members of her family include sons, P. Jeffery Burton and his wife Tamara, of Anchorage, Alaska, and Craig T. Burton and his wife Marnie of Andover; daughter, Jennifer B. Tolomeo and her husband Duane of Kingston, N.Y.; five grandchildren; a brother, Leigh Buck and his wife Betty of Windham, Maine; a sister, Joyce Nash and her husband Warren of Naples, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

DEATHS

Harold Azarian, 91
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William "Bill" Gerard
Richard C. Hamel, 78
Martha C. Majauckas, 91
Kenneth H. Parker Jr., 59
Louise I. Stevenson, 76

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BOURQUE — Raymond A. "Ray" Bourque, 49, of Kingston, N.H., died Wednesday, April 5 at the West Roxbury Veterans Hospital. Mr. Bourque was a graduate of Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover.

HAMEL — Richard C. Hamel, 78, of North Andover, died Saturday, April 8, at home. Members of his family include his sister, Lorraine Auchterlonie of Andover.

LATE DEATH

FITZPATRICK — Lynda Jane (Piercy) Fitzpatrick, 50, of Lawrence, formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, April 11 at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston. Calling hours are Monday, April 17 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St. A funeral Mass will be said Tuesday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover.

She was the sister of the late Delbert Knowles, Marilyn York and Marguerite Gore.

Arrangements were by Dole, Childs & Shaw Funeral Home, 148 Main St., Haverhill.

Memorial contributions may be made to VNA of Middlesex-East Sawtelle Family Hospice House, 320 Haverhill St., Reading, MA 01867.

Kenneth Hazen Parker Jr.

Former superintendent of plant and facilities here

After courageously battling cancer for the past five weeks, Kenneth Hazen Parker Jr., 59, died peacefully on Friday, April 7, at Massachusetts General Hospital.



Kenneth Hazen Parker Jr.

Born Oct. 11, 1946 to Mary Rossi and Kenneth Parker in Bradford, he was a life-long resident of the Bradford and Haverhill communities.

Mr. Parker graduated from Haverhill Trade School and Northern Essex Community College. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from 1966 to 1969.

He was the superintendent of the Plant and Facilities Department in Andover.

He was a member of the Planning Board in Haverhill for 20 years, and a member of the Lion's Club for 20 years, where he was named Lion of the Year and was also honored as a Melvin Jones Fellow for humanitarian service.

Family members said he rejoiced in his family, and many of his acquaintances referred to him as the ultimate family man, as he loved spending time with his family.

He also took pride in his job, and contributing to his community, they said.

Although he enjoyed watch-

ing his sons participate in sports at Haverhill High School, the University of Maine, and Syracuse University, he was even more proud to see them earn their college degrees and develop into mature, professional young men, his family said.

He was an active member of the Sacred Hearts Church, where he served as a eucharistic minister and usher.

Members of his family include his wife of 36 years, Kathleen Horgan Parker; three sons, Corey Parker and his wife Jacqueline, Brendon Parker and his wife Sharon, and Barrett Parker and his wife Tracy; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the H.L. Farmer and Sons Bradford Funeral Home, 210 South Main St., Haverhill.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kenneth Parker Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Haverhill Bank, 163 South Main St., Bradford, MA 01835.

Harold Azarian

Structural engineer worked for the FHA

Harold Azarian, 91, of Andover, died Wednesday, April 5.

He was born in Lawrence and graduated from the Rollins School, Lawrence High School, and the old Lowell Institute School at MIT in Cambridge where he majored in building construction.

He was affiliated with a family building construction business started in 1903.

He served 3½ years in World War II in the Army Engineers, as a staff sergeant and was awarded three Bronze Stars for Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe campaigns.

He participated in segments of the Battle of the Bulge.

A federal employee for 25 years, he retired in 1976. He was for many years chief and deputy chief of the architectural and engineering division of the Fed-

eral Housing Administration's Massachusetts district office in Boston, which later combined with Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Periodically, Mr. Azarian was on FHA's Regional Advisory team reviewing operations of FHA offices in New England and New York. He was a registered structural engineer.

He was the widower of Yvette "Betty" Alexander Azarian.

Members of his family include his sons, Mark and his wife Lisa Azarian of Framingham, and Michael and his wife Sheila Azarian of New Jersey; a sister, Mary and her husband John Zotian of Maryland; two grandchildren; one nephew; and three nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, 01810; or to the National Association of Retired Employees.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Martha C. Majauckas

Andover native

Martha C. Majauckas, 91, of Andover and formerly of Lantana, Fla. and Albuquerque, N.M., died Thursday, April 6, at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

She was born in Andover to the late Peter and Ida (Jack) Campbell. Most recently, Mrs. Majauckas was living with her daughter, Jackie, in Lawrence.

She was the widow of Brony Majauckas Sr. The couple used to love to travel together.

Members of her family include her children, Jacquelyn "Jackie" Urcinas of Lawrence, and Brony Majauckas Jr. of West Newbury; a sister, Ruth Von Sydow of Calif.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held in the West Parish Garden Cemetery in Andover.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, 01810.



Martha C. Majauckas

Learn more about Medicare at library program

A mobile education team will be at the Memorial Hall Library on Tuesday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide a one-on-one assistance for seniors and others with Medicare using state-of-the-art, Web-based technology.

"My Medicare Matters" gives Medicare beneficiaries the opportunity to sit down with trained educators to receive individualized attention and guidance about the coverage options available to them. In no way does this program promote any specific health plan or any individual company's products, organizers said.

The educators use four hand-held pen tablets,

which are portable computer screens, and five interactive kiosks with easy-to-operate touch screens to access Internet-based tools such as NCDAs BenefitsCheckUpRx and the Medicare Plan Finder. People using Medicare can learn step-by-step about the Medicare Prescription Drug program and calculate the costs and benefits they would derive from enrolling in a plan.

Educators can print selected screens for visitors to take home.

This program is free and people do not need an appointment. For more information, contact Norma Gammon at 978-623-8401, Ext. 49.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago — 1906

Many local dogs were awarded prizes at the show of the Haverhill Kennel club, which was held in that city on Friday and Saturday of last week.

One of the experiments made by Professor Elmer Gates at his Chevy Chase, Md. laboratory has just been exploited before the London Psycho-Therapeutic Society. It appears that Professor Gates has found five octaves of light rays above violet, a form similar to x-rays. Under these rays a live rat was placed in a hermetically sealed, tube-sensitized screen. So long as the rat was alive it threw a shadow on the screen, but at the very instant the rat was killed it became transparent to the light, and a shadow of exactly the same shape was observed to pass upward off the screen.

Our local insurance company, the Merrimack, desires to call the attention of our citizens to a matter of vital importance concerning the automobile and

its relation to insurance. When an auto is kept on the premises, whether for one night or longer, a permit must be secured from the insurance company, otherwise the insurance is void.

75 Years Ago — 1931

A state school for the "development of backward children," believed to be the first of its kind in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, will be erected on a tract of land in Ballardvale and West Andover.

The badly decomposed body of a newborn baby was found in a deserted lane in the wooded section of Ballardvale near the North Wilmington line Tuesday afternoon. At the request of the district attorney, State Officer Richard Griffin has been assigned to an investigation of the case.

50 Years Ago — 1956

The selectmen have adopted a wait-and-see attitude towards the Acme Concrete Company's

operation of a contractor's yard on Fletcher Street. The board decided Monday night to accept Town Counsel Vincent Stulgis' opinion that a watchful attitude be adopted.

Revaluation of real estate in Andover is under serious consideration by the assessors. They have met with John F. Brann, representative of the Cole-Layer-Trumble Co., a professional revaluation firm, and discussed the subject.

25 Years Ago — 1981

The closing of another elementary school could come Tuesday night. Superintendent Kenneth R. Seifert said this week he didn't know if the School Committee will actually vote Tuesday but that the committee does want to "move expeditiously" on the matter.

Unless the selectmen insert two articles in the warrant for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting, Digital Equipment Corp. will cancel its plans to

build a third plant in Andover on a 52-acre Frontage Road parcel.

10 Years Ago — 1996

With 75 percent of the Andover High School construction project complete, School Building Committee members said Tuesday they'll have limited options if the \$2.43 million they're seeking to complete the work is not approved at Town Meeting next week. Realistically, they believe Andover will have to shred the funds set aside for Andover High's technology, furniture and equipment if the \$2.43 million isn't appropriated.

The strongest sentiment expressed at Memorial Hall Library during last Saturday morning's discussion on growth may have been that selectmen need to take a leading role if any action is going to be taken.

— Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Jackson Stewart

Free health program presents options for families

Memorial Hall Library will present a free health program next Tuesday, April 18 at 7 p.m. called "Options and Resources for Long-term Care" with Janice Hrenko, community educator, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Inc.

Among the points Hrenko will present in her program are:

- The concept of long-term care;
- Accessing supportive services;
- Paying for supportive services;
- Elder services network; and
- Partners in caring — you, your family and the community.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Memorial Hall Library will hold its last book sale until November on April 28-30, with a preview night (\$20 per person) scheduled for Thursday, April 27 from 6:30 to 8:30.

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Townspeople

The tie that binds them

Andover couple's hopeful story is one of the Boston Marathon legends inspiring others

By Greta Cuyler

FOR DENISE GURSHIN OF ANDOVER, running the Boston Marathon this year is a blessing. Her husband, Chris, is well on the road to recovery, after Denise donated 60 percent of her liver to him a year ago.

Chris was diagnosed with liver disease in high school. He spent four years on the liver-transplant donor list and 164 days in the hospital between June 2004 and June 2005.

"As bad as last year was, this year has been that good," said Denise.

Denise is part of the Run for Research Team running the marathon on behalf of the American Liver Foundation. She has raised nearly \$2,000 in donations.

The Gurshins live on North Main Street.

"I feel like he's alive and I'm alive because of the research that's been done," said Denise Gurshin.

Chris' disease has dominated the couple's life over the past few years. They had to cancel their September 2004 wedding because Chris was hospitalized.

They married in a small ceremony on Cape Cod two months later. Chris was back at New England Medical Center the next day.

Denise said liver disease is like having a bad air filter in a car. Because the liver isn't functioning properly, toxins circulate the body.

The result? Difficulty breathing, enlarged spleen, muscle loss, hardening of the liver and throwing up blood.

Denise said she never had any qualms about marrying Chris because of his disease.

"I feel like he's alive and I'm alive because of the research that's been done."

DENISE GURSHIN, WHO IS RUNNING IN THE BOSTON MARATHON NEXT MONDAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE AMERICAN LIVER FOUNDATION

"Someone could get hit by a car walking across the street. You don't know what life's going to present," she said.

The Gurshins had always hoped for a donor liver, but as Chris grew worse and there was no donor in sight, they began to think about a living donor.

There were no suitable candidates from Chris' family, and Denise kept insisting that she get tested.

It turned out that she was a suitable match, down to having the same blood type. Even the fact that she contracted malaria three times while in the Peace Corps didn't stop Denise.

She pulled her medical records from the Centers for Disease Control to prove that the disease strain she had was fully eradicated from her body.

At one point, Chris was at the top of the regional donor list for a week and every time they heard a helicopter land at New England Medical Center, the Gurshins thought it was a new liver for him. It never was.

As for Denise, she said she never felt pressured to do the donation.

"At any point in time, I felt as if I had the support of my doctor and friends if I decided I couldn't go through with it," she said.

She started a vigorous running schedule while Chris was in the hospital.

Although she felt a little guilty about leaving the hospital and going across the street to the gym, she knew that by exercising, she was not only relieving her own stress, but also making her liver as healthy as possible for her husband.

On March 16, 2005, Denise and Chris underwent the 12-hour liver operation. Chris suffered internal bleeding and didn't wake up for two days.

Today, Chris has the color back in his face, has gained 40 pounds and works out at the gym a few times each week.

He took a graduate course and plans to begin a doctorate program to study fish biology.

He is also looking forward to diving again, something he couldn't do for six years because of his poor health.

He takes 15 pills a day, down from 44 a day before the operation.

He never forgets his medication. "If I miss one pill a day, my body could



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

With her husband, Chris Gurshin, on the road to recovery from liver disease, Denise Gurshin of North Main Street will be on the road to the finish line on Boylston Street. She is part of the Run for Research Team in the 110th running of the Boston Marathon next Monday, on behalf of the American Liver Foundation. Denise has raised nearly \$2,000 in donations.

reject the liver," he said.

How can Chris ever repay his wife?

"You don't know how many chick flicks

I have to watch," he said laughing. Then he looked down and said quietly, "It's hard to accept that she would do this."

TOWN TALK

Local chef shares dessert

A local chef's appearance on a television show about restaurants is airing this week.

Head chef Jose Fuentes of Glory restaurant on Essex Street is appearing on NECN's *TV Diner*. Host Billy Costa came to town several weeks ago to tape the show and Fuentes has said he made a delicious chocolate terrine. The dessert-making was filmed while Costa did the tasting.

"Jose's episode is airing all week at 3 p.m. on NECN, Channel 6," Glory owner Adrienne Sarkisian wrote to the *Townsmen* this week.

It's a second dose of good publicity for Sarkisian's restaurant, as the recent *Boston* magazine included Glory, along with Andover restaurants Savoir Kitchen and Cassis, in a cover story about dining in the suburbs.

— Judy Wakefield

Matt & Jake: Local connection

Want to lunch with actor Matt Damon? You could, if you're generous enough.

In fact, the star power of Damon could translate to big bucks for an Andover golf tournament named in honor of Andover resident Jake Scileppi.

"The Jake," an annual charity golf tournament will be held at the Andover Country Club, April 24.

There will also be an online auction which features as its top prize lunch with Damon — a supporter of the event and a friend of Scileppi. The winning bidder and a guest will be flown to Hollywood for two nights and have lunch with Damon on the set of his new movie *Ocean's 13*.

In recent years Damon has donated a van to transport residents of Jake's house and has played in the tournament. Because his schedule prevented him from attending the tournament this year, he has offered to host lunch with him on the movie set, said organizers.

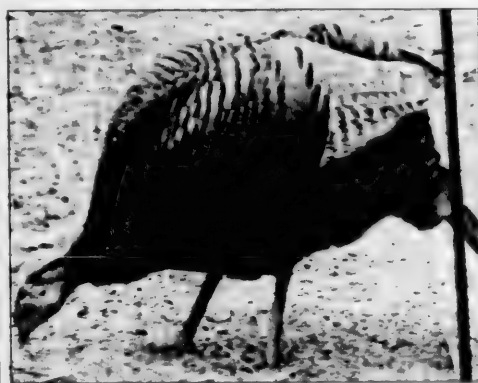
"The Jake" benefits Seven Hills Foundation of Worcester, and the online auction will be run on eMarket.com through April 21. To bid on the lunch package with Matt Damon and view other available auction items, visit <http://thejake.cmarket.com>.

The Jake Golf Tournament was established in 1981 by John Scileppi of Newton, now vice president of national philanthropy at Seven Hills.

The event is named for Scileppi's son, Jake, 27, who is living with cerebral palsy at a managed care facility in Andover that is owned and operated by Seven Hills Foundation.

Proceeds from the online auction and the golf tournament are earmarked for Seven Hills at Groton, a skilled nursing community for children and young adults who have severe developmental handicaps and complex medical needs.

GOBBLIN'



COURTESY PHOTO

Wildlife in Andover — Chris Edmonds and his family have spotted this wild turkey several times so far this spring in and around their yard at 25 Chandler Circle. Edmonds said it was the first one they've seen for several years, probably attracted by the birdseed they put out.



Linda Pengerth



Patty Martin



Racheal O'Brien

Residents running Boston Marathon

Andover will be well-represented at the 110th Boston Marathon on April 17.

At least 33 Andover residents are running the race on Patriots Day, 18 men and 15 women.

Linda Pengerth of Devonshire Place is gearing up for her second Boston Marathon next week. A nurse at Boston Children's Hospital for the past 25 years, 46-year old Pengerth is running again for Ryan LaPoint, 6, of Georgetown. LaPoint was born with a malformed neck and underwent 25 corrective surgeries by the time he was 5 years old.

Pengerth is running on the Children's Hospital Boston Miles for Miracles Team, a program that has raised more than \$5 million for the hospital over the past decade.

Pengerth described last year's marathon as "the best day of my life."

She has raised \$6,000 for this year's race.

On cold winter days when she didn't want to go running, LaPoint gave her inspiration.

"I would think of him and think that (if running) was worst thing I had to get

through in the day, I knew I could get through the door and run."

LaPoint will meet Pengerth at the 25th mile marker, just as he did last year. And Pengerth will carry his \$1 donation in her hand for the whole race. Just like she did last time.

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Patty Martin of Lincoln Circle is getting ready to run her first marathon this year, to celebrate being cancer-free for five years.

She is running for the Melanoma Education Foundation and has raised \$2,300 so far.

In 1996, Martin had a mole checked. It was said to be benign.

When it began to itch a few years later, she had it removed.

"Like everyone else, I minimized a little something on your skin — you don't think it's life threatening," she said.

The mole turned out to be melanoma.

"It's about saving lives," said Martin.

"If my mole hadn't been removed, it would have spread."

Martin has three daughters, ranging in age from 6 to 13. Her advice to her daughters and other young girls?



110th Boston Marathon

April 17, 2006

"Wear sunscreen and be very careful," says the self-admitted former sun worshipper. Today there are too many self-tanning products on the market to justify the health risks of sitting out in the sun to get a tan. And when you wear sunscreen, don't forget to reapply, said Martin.

Racheal O'Brien of Cassimere Street wanted to run the Boston Marathon and partnered with the American Liver Foundation to get her race number. She has raised \$2,800 for liver disease research.

Although O'Brien hoped to be paired with a liver disease patient for the race, the foundation ran out of people to match runners with.

Even without a partner, she says working with the American Liver Foundation has been "one of the best experiences."

She plans to run again next year.

James Savely of Devonshire Place is running his first marathon this year on behalf of liver disease research.

He has raised more than \$3,500 so far. Although undiagnosed when Savely signed up for the marathon, a close friend of his, 42, was recently diagnosed with liver cancer.

"I do believe the money raised by the 'Liver Team' will help what is undoubtedly under-funded research for liver-related disease," he said.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Baptist

Andover Baptist Church
7 Central St., Andover
978-475-0166

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.
Prayer Walk
EASTER SUNDAY: Service at 8:15 a.m.

Catholic

St. Augustine Church
43 Essex St., Andover
978-475-0050

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8:30 p.m. - midnight, Vigil at the Altar of Repose
GOOD FRIDAY: Ecumenical prayer walk, 8:30-10 a.m., leaving from St. Augustine; 7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Supper
HOLY SATURDAY: 7:30 p.m., Easter vigil Mass
EASTER SUNDAY: Masses at 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., and 12:30 p.m., upper church; 8:05, 9:35 and 11:05, downstairs.
(No 5:30 p.m. Liturgy on Easter Sunday.)

St. Robert Bellarmine Church
Haggetts Pond Road
Andover
978-683-8922

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper, 10:30 p.m. - Compline, Driscoll Hall
GOOD FRIDAY: 9 a.m., Morning Prayer; 3 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion; 7:30 p.m., Tenebrae
HOLY SATURDAY: 9 a.m., Morning Prayer (including Easter Food Blessing); 8 p.m., Solemn Easter Vigil, followed by a reception in Driscoll Hall
EASTER SUNDAY: 6 a.m., Sunrise Mass (weather permitting, check the parish Web site after 5:30 a.m. to see if this Mass will take place); Easter Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

St. Joseph's Church
22 High Vale Lane
Ballardvale
978-475-0050

EASTER SUNDAY: Masses, 8:30 and 10 a.m.
(No 5:30 p.m. Liturgy on Easter Sunday.)

Congregational

Free Christian Church
31 Elm St., Andover
978-475-0700

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m., Tenebrae Service
EASTER SUNDAY: 6 a.m., Easter Sunrise worship service, Holt Hill; Easter Family Services 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Episcopal

Christ Church
25 Central St., Andover
978-475-0529

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY

WEEK (April 12): 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist with Healing in the North Chapel; 7:30 p.m., Contemplative Prayer in the North Chapel
MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6 p.m., Agape supper in the Parish Hall; 7:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist with foot washing, stripping of the Altar, reservation of the Sacrament. Vigil continues in the Moses Chapel until midnight
GOOD FRIDAY: 7:30 p.m., Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
HOLY SATURDAY: 9 a.m., Holy Saturday liturgy in the North Chapel; and
EASTER EVE 8 p.m., The Great Easter Vigil
EASTER SUNDAY: 8 and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist with festival music

Interdenominational

Andover Bible Chapel
266 Lowell St.,
978-475-4733

New England Bible Church
60 Chandler Road, Andover
978-475-4381

GOOD FRIDAY: 7:30 p.m. service
EASTER SUNDAY: 6 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service, held at Holt Hill on the Ward Reservation in Andover; 10 a.m., Sunday service.

Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church
360 S. Main St., Andover
978-475-4059

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY: 2 p.m., "Burning of the Sours" children's service; 7 p.m. Traditional Tenebrae Service
EASTER SUNDAY: Traditional services 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m.

Unitarian

Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover
6 Locke St., Andover
978-475-4454

EASTER SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m. service.

United Church of Christ

South Church
41 Central St., Andover
978-475-0321

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. - Communion Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary Choir, Soloists and Organ
GOOD FRIDAY: Ecumenical prayer walk, 8:30-10 a.m., leaving from St. Augustine Church
EASTER SUNDAY: 6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service at Missionary Rock on the Phillips Academy

campus; Easter breakfast at the church, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Two identical Easter Services: 9, 10:30 a.m., Easter services, with organ, sanctuary choir; children welcome at all services, infant care only at 9 and 10:30 services

West Parish Church
129 Reservation Road
Andover
978-475-3528

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m., West Parish Church presents a dramatic re-enactment of Leonardo da Vinci's "Living Last Supper."

GOOD FRIDAY: 7 p.m., Good Friday concert.

EASTER SUNDAY: 10 a.m. service, the sermon title is "Good News, for a Change." Childcare provided for children under 3 years of age. An open and affirming congregation - all are welcome.

United Methodist

Ballardvale United Church
(United Methodist and United Church of Christ)
23 Clark Road, Andover
978-475-2506

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m., Tenebrae Service
EASTER SUNDAY: Sunrise service - on lawn; 10:30 a.m., Worship.

Good Friday Prayer Walk steps off tomorrow, April 14

Christians of all denominations are invited to participate in the annual Andover Good Friday Prayer Walk on Friday April 14, from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. to reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and to lift up the needs of the town together in prayer.

The walk starts outside St. Augustine Church on Essex Street at 8:30 a.m.

Coffee and hot cross buns will be served starting at 8:15.

People of all ages typically participate, including infants in strollers, many children and youth, parents, singles and the elderly.

Local clergy from town churches including Free Christian, St. Augustine, South, West Parish, Ballardvale United, Andover Baptist and Christ Church will lead prayers and read from the gospel accounts of Christ's passion at eight stops along the walk.

The route runs from Essex Street to West Middle School on Shawsheen Road and then down Stevens Street, up Main Street to Chestnut Street and Bartlett Street and finishes up outside South Church on Central Street.

Everyone is welcome to participate. For further details, call Roselle or David Heckendorn at 978-470-2651.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center. Call the senior center at 978-623-8321 for further information about any classes, programs or services.

Pancake Breakfast & Open House: In honor of Older Americans Month, the senior center will host a pancake breakfast and open house on Saturday, May 6 between the hours of 8 and 11 a.m. The community is cordially invited to drop in and learn more about the many programs, activities, volunteer opportunities, and services available through the center. Tickets for the breakfast are available on an advance purchase basis only; \$5 for adults, and \$2.50 for under 12. Bring your families and friends and join us.

Movie Matinee: Join us Monday, April 24 when we will show the romantic comedy, *Must Love Dogs* starring Diane Lane and John Cusack. Reservations are not necessary and all are welcome.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it volunteers will be back at the center again Monday, April 24 at 1:30 p.m. They will be happy to take a look at any small item or appliance in need of repair. Your cost is \$2 plus any necessary parts.

Book Club: Our afternoon book club will meet again Thursday, April 20 at 1 p.m. *The Weight of Water* will be the topic of discussion. Copies of the book are available at the center for check-out. Newcomers are welcome to this group at any time.

Pain Management Class: If you watched the recent specials on the *NBC Nightly News* as well as *Chronicle*, you might be interested in the next session of our pain management class. Ten weeks beginning Tuesday, April 18 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Based on techniques developed by the Mind/Body Institute and the Arnold Pain Center at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, this program incorporates both traditional and complementary methods aimed at decreasing pain and improving function. Cost is \$40, and pre-registration is necessary.

Creative Cooking/Lunch Group: Have the fun of going out to eat right at the senior center by watching Ed Alessi's cooking demo and having lunch together. The next class will be held Thursday, April 20 at 11:15. The April menu will be a spring soup, gourmet sandwich, roasted potato salad and dessert.

Peabody Essex Museum Trip Thursday, April 27 - "Painting Summer In New England": This exhibition features more than 100 paintings by 70 major artists. Lent primarily by museums across the US, including the Metropolitan Museum of American Art, the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the Whitney Museum of American Art, provides the opportunity to explore the remarkable artistic richness that New England has inspired. Cost is \$28, which includes museum admission, guided tour of the exhibit and bus transportation from the center.

Woodcarving: The spring session of woodcarving will get underway Monday, April 10. The 10-week session meets Monday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$20. Some carving experience is helpful, but instruction is available from Fred Arakelian.

Fly-Tying: This course is for anyone who wishes to learn the art of fly-tying. We'll start with the basics and progress up to the dressing of a dry fly. A class outline and explanation of cost and materials is available at the

center. This five-week course will meet Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11, beginning April 25. Registration by April 15 is necessary so that the appropriate materials may be ordered.

Humor Club: The next meeting of the humor club will take place Wednesday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rose Mula, author of *If These Are Laugh Lines Then I'm Having Way Too Much Fun*. Anyone who enjoys a good laugh is welcome to join us.

Computer Users' Group: Meets the second Monday of the month at 1:30 in the lower level activity room at Memorial Hall Library. Any regular computer user interested in sharing problems and solutions with the group is welcome to attend.

Art Instruction: We will begin a new 12-week session of art instruction beginning on Monday, April 24 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All mediums and all levels welcome. Come receive individual instruction in a supportive group atmosphere under the direction of artist Andrea Hart. Cost is \$50; pre-registration is necessary.

Men's Breakfast: Friday, April 21 at 8:30 a.m.; \$3; advance reservations. "Super Cold Science" will be the presentation this month with Matt Pacewicz from the Museum of Science. Come find out what happens when ordinary objects are chilled to hundreds of degrees below zero. This demonstration will show some of the surprising ways that materials react when subjected to extreme temperatures.

Volunteer Appreciation: We will hold our annual volunteer appreciation reception on Friday, April 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Old Town Hall. This is our chance to thank those helping out for all they do all year long. If you are an active volunteer and have been submitting your hours to us on a regular basis, watch for your invitation to arrive in the mail and be sure and RSVP if you are able to attend.

Health Plan Options For Seniors: On Friday, April 28 at 9:30 a.m., the center will be hosting a presentation by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Massachusetts. This program will show how Medigap plans and Medicare Advantage plans work with Medicare. Everyone is welcome regardless of current insurance coverage. Call the center if you would like to attend.

Ragtime: Sunday, May 7, a 2 p.m. performance at the Arsenal Center For the Arts in Watertown; \$38 includes show ticket and transportation. This musical is a multiple Tony award winner which draws upon traditional Jewish folk songs, Vaudeville's outrageous style and Joplin-inspired music. This show paints a powerful and nostalgic portrait of life in turn-of-the-century America.

Chinatown Excursion: Thursday, May 11; \$34. Have fun and spend some time exploring the unique shops in Chinatown followed by lunch at the Chau Chow City Restaurant with escort Ed Alessi. The bus will leave the center at 8:30 a.m.

Bird Walks With the Retelles: Al and Evelyn will lead their nature and bird walks on Mondays in May heading out at 8 a.m. We'll meet at the center and carpool to various spots from here. There is no charge, but pre-registration is necessary prior to the first walk.

Golf Group: This friendly group tees off every Tuesday morning (weather permitting) at 7:30 at the Tewksbury Country Club; \$15 for nine holes. For further information about the group call Bob Henderson at 978-858-0815.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 13

Mother Connection Membership Social, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Imagine That, an interactive educational, indoor play space for children, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. Meet current members, ask questions, find out about volunteer opportunities and join the group. All welcome to attend with children. Visit www.themotherconnection.org.

My Medicare Matters, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a national education program to help people with Medicare and their families understand the new Medicare prescription drug coverage at North Andover Senior Center, 120R Main St., North Andover. Admission is free. Call Erica Murphy at 866-265-3891.

Irish author visit, 2 p.m. with Aine Greaney at Northern Essex Community College, Technology Center, 100 Elliot St., Haverhill. Greaney will discuss writing her personal essays, *In this Country*. Admission \$1. 978-556-3825.

Author visit, 7 p.m. with Steve Almond, author of *Candyfreak*, at Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. Free; all welcome. 978-664-4942.

Saturday, April 15

Foreign Film Festival, 8 p.m. featuring *Crimes of Padre Amaro* at Northern Essex Community College, Amesbury Street, Lawrence. Free; all welcome. www.necfilmfest.tripod.com.

Tuesday, April 18

Health lecture, "Options and Resources for Long-term Care," 7 p.m. with Janice Hrenko, community educator with Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Inc., at the Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square. Issues discussed will include assessing and paying for support services, an elder services network and the concept of long-term care. Admission is free.

Wednesday, April 19

Children's Studio for the Arts presenting "Artistic Awakenings," a day featuring workshops in visual arts, drama, movement/dance and music, led by professional artists and teachers, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program is open to students in grades K through 5. Registration is at the Department of Community Services office, 36 Bartlett St., or by calling 978-623-8274.

Adventures in Time, "Andover in 1692", 2 to 4 p.m. at North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, for children ages 8 to 13. Join author April Parker for an afternoon of reading and role-playing and lessons about the young Andover girls who participated in the Salem witch trials. Cost \$5 for members; \$7 for non-members. Call 978-686-4035.

"Andover and the Salem Witch Trials", 7 p.m. at North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road. Author April Parker will discuss her research and methodology for writing her latest book for young readers focusing on the role of Andover in the Salem witch trials. Cost \$5 for members;

\$7 for nonmembers. Call 978-686-4035.

Department of Veterans Services Eighth Annual Veterans Night, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Methuen Senior Center, 77 Lowell St., Methuen. Guest speakers include Thomas Hargeaves, Valley Works veteran representative, and Edward F. Curran, Methuen veteran director.

Evening Book Discussion, Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy, 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square.

Thursday, April 20

"Return of the Big Bands" concert, 2 p.m. at Northern Essex Community College, Room 103A, Technology Center, Haverhill campus. Bill Patton will present music of Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Bing Crosby, and Frank Sinatra. Admission \$1; all welcome. Presented by Life Long Learning Program. 978-556-3825.

Quota International of Andover presenting "Kiss Me Kate", 6:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center, Merrimack College. Wine and cheese reception, 6:30 p.m. at Cascia Hall preceding 8 p.m. performance. Tickets \$35; include reception and a raffle ticket for gift certificate to local restaurant. For advanced tickets, call Jean at 978-475-0328.

"Noted Authors" lecture series, 7 p.m. with Jeffrey Peck, author of "Being Jewish in the New Germany." Free; all welcome. The Massachusetts School of Law, Woodland Park, 500 Federal St.

No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, 7:30 p.m. to benefit Andover Firefighters Relief Association at Lawrence Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St., Lawrence. Donation \$100 per player. Registration at 5:30 p.m. Call David Lynch at 978-475-1220.

Friday, April 21

Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange, 10 to 11 a.m. at Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square. There will be a story, language and craft workshop for grades three and up. Sign up in the Children's Room or call 978-683-1895.

Saturday, April 22

"Ann Bradstreet's England", 10:30 a.m. at the Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Miriam Butts, scholar and Bradstreet historian, will give a slide presentation and examine Bradstreet's early life and literary development in England prior to emigrating to America. Call 978-688-9505.

"Dream Your Relationship Into Being" seminar, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with Melissa Zollo of Present Memory at Robin's Yoga and Healing Center, 885 Main St., Tewksbury. To register, call 203-458-0198 or visit www.present-memory.com.

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For the Medlers, it's all about finding a balance between improvisation and rest

By Brian Davidson

BEN MEDLER LIVES HIS LIFE much the way he plays his music. The jazz musician just sort of improvises, taking things one note at a time, pausing to rest every now and again.

Medler, an Andover native who now lives in Portland, Ore., has just come out with his first CD, entitled *Azure*, by the Ben Medler Trio. The release of his CD comes within three weeks of his wife's CD, *Balance*, by the Michelle Medler Quartet, on which Ben plays the bass.

"We didn't sleep," he recalls. "We didn't sleep at all."

Medler graduated in 1991 from Andover High School, where he was a member of the jazz band, but his music career started long before that.

"In third or fourth grade I played the trombone and took voice lessons," he said. "Voice was pretty serious back then."

Now 33, Medler sings and plays the trombone, trumpet and bass professionally. He plays many others instruments for fun — and is now the one giving lessons to younger musicians.

"I spent a couple years just figuring out how I was going to survive before I fell into teaching," he said.

After graduating from AHS, Medler studied for two years at Berklee College of Music in Boston, also taking time to help direct the jazz band at his high school alma

mater. During the summer, he attended jazz workshops in Portland, Ore., where, at one of them, he met his future wife, Michelle.

"The following year I came out here (Oregon) for good and picked up allergies," he said. "The valley here has something like the highest pollen count in the world. It's ridiculous."

Upon arriving in Portland, the perpetually congested Ben joined a big band jazz group, where he met a member whose son's high school jazz program needed a director.

"The program was going belly-up," Medler said. "The guy in charge left after the second week."

Though Medler had no college degree at the time, having left Berklee before graduating, Wilson High School allowed him to teach while getting an emergency certification.

"The state basically gave me a get-out-of-jail-free card while I was getting my studies together," he said.

Medler earned a bachelor of music

"The songs that I cover are mostly old-school jazz."

ANDOVER NATIVE BEN MEDLER, WHO NOW LIVES IN PORTLAND, ORE.

degree in jazz performance from Portland State University, and taught jazz at Wilson High School for seven years.

"They eventually ran out of money," he explained.

The next year, in 2001, Ben and Michelle Medler started the Portland Youth jazz Orchestra, a developmental program for jazz students in the Portland area outside of their schools. Medler said PYJO is still running very strongly today.

The Medlers also have their own studio, in which they teach private lessons, record music, and rent it out to other bands.

Ben Medler calls the studio more of a "talent agency," which hosts two piece bands all the way up to big band jazz groups composed of 16 or more members.

"We got every style of music but country," said Medler.

On his new CD, Medler plays a mix of original songs and some covers.

"The songs that I cover are mostly old-school jazz," he said. "I grew up listening to Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington, so it's still in my ears. But the originals are more modern — closer to Thelonious Monk."

To check out Ben and Michelle Medler's first CDs, you can visit their online distributor at www.edbaby.com, and search under "Medler."

"I've been on several other people's CDs," said Medler. "But I've kind of been waiting to do mine right."

APPEARING IN 'FIVE WOMEN WEARING THE SAME DRESS'



Andover resident Sabrina Cylie (at right) is shown with fellow "bridesmaids" Renee Tyzbit (center) of Merrimack, N.H., who plays Trisha, and Kris Reynolds of Stoneham, who plays Meredith. The three women pose during a rehearsal of the Quannapowitt Players' upcoming production of *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* at the Quannapowitt Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St. in Reading. Also in the cast are: Tracy Nygard, Jamie Friedman and Judson Pierce. Alan Ball's comedy runs from April 21 through May 13. For tickets or more information, call the Quannapowitt Players' box office at 781-942-2212; or visit www.QPtheater.com.

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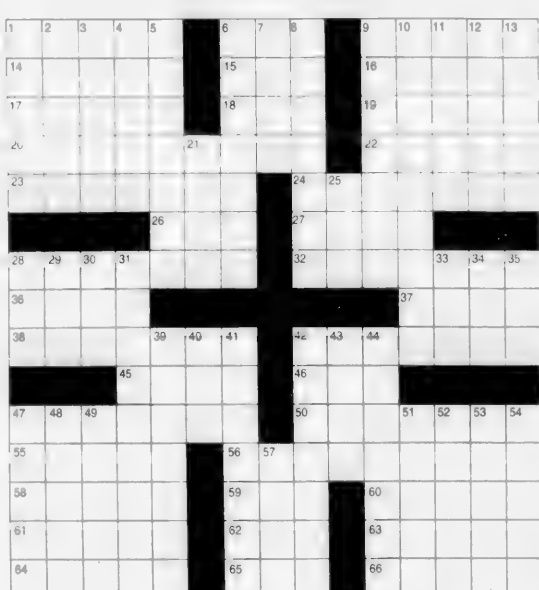


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17. __ Dubos, French naturalist
18. Between east and southeast
19. Osco-Umbrian
20. Thin pasta
22. __ Martin, comedian
23. Audio systems
24. Fictional names
26. __ ssartite: orange garnet
27. East Indian tree
28. Sanitariness
32. Laughs contemptuously
36. Formal two-person combat
37. Grandmother
38. Mythical animal
42. Assented
45. Urban gym
46. Japanese classical theater
47. An intellectual
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55. Word of mouth
56. Southwest state
58. Alaskan island dweller
59. Before
60. Kosher or sea
61. End
62. Title of respect
63. Greece



64. White potato
65. Month (abbr.)
66. Type

CLUES DOWN

1. Divisions of Spartan army

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3. Suffuse with color
4. Bovine
5. Ineffectual
6. Wrinkles
7. Romanian city

8. Something that is operated on
9. Bishop's staff
10. Stimulates gastric secretions
11. Elk or moose species
12. Despoil
13. Force units
21. NE Ariz. Indian tribe
25. Downwind
28. Adenosine diphosphate
29. Institute legal proceedings
30. Electroencephalograph
31. Theatre
33. Begetter
34. Between northeast and east
35. Disconsolate
39. One who extracts by heating
40. Burrowing crabs
41. Unhappiness
42. Belgium port
43. Gladiolus bulb
44. Brie and Stilton
47. Intercalate
48. Helmut (latin)
49. Relatively long in duration
51. Elevate by praise
52. Diminutive of Matilda
53. Number system base 8
54. Constabulary
57. Lake __, one of the Great

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Ham and bean supper, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at First-Calvary Baptist Church, corner of Route 125 and Massachusetts Ave., North Andover. There will be homemade baked beans, ham, hot dogs, potato salad and more. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

Black Catholic Choir of Boston performance, 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, corner of Hampshire and Haverhill streets, Lawrence. Reception and raffle held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 general; \$25 reserved seating. Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund for the students of Notre Dame High School. For tickets or to make a donation, call Elizabeth Delgado at 978-689-8222, ext. 17.

Foreign Film Festival, 8 p.m. featuring *The Man Without a Past* at Northern Essex Community College, Amesbury Street campus, Lawrence. Finnish film with English subtitles. Free; all welcome. www.neccfilmfest.tripod.com.

Sunday, April 23

"Dream Your Relationship Into Being" seminar, noon to 6 p.m. with Melissa Zollo of Present Memory at Robin's Yoga and Healing Center, 885 Main St.,

Tewksbury. To register, call 203-458-0198 or visit www.present-memory.com.

Matinee at the Park: A Thelma Todd Festival, 1 to 4 p.m. at the Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitor Center, One Jackson St., Lawrence. Lawrence native Thelma Alice Todd would celebrate her 100th birthday this year. Event will show several of her films from the 1920s and 1930s as well as a silent film, *The Love Magnet*, from 1916. Admission is free. Call 978-794-1655.

"Two Old Friends," an afternoon with Mac McHale and Emery Hutchins, 2:30 p.m. at the Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. "Mac and Hutch" have recently joined forces to sing and play songs from Ireland. Call 978-688-9505.

Armenian Genocide commemoration, 3 p.m. at North

Andover High School with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Stephen Kurkjian. Marks 91st anniversary of tragedy. Free; all welcome.

Sponsored by Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee of Merrimack Valley.

Showing of the film *What the Bleep Do We Know*, about the convergence of cutting edge science and spirituality, followed by a discussion, 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St. Admission is free and open to the public. 978-470-1134.

Monday, April 24

Morning Book Discussion, "Women of Silk" by Gail Tsukiyama, 10:30 a.m. at the Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square.

Tuesday, April 25

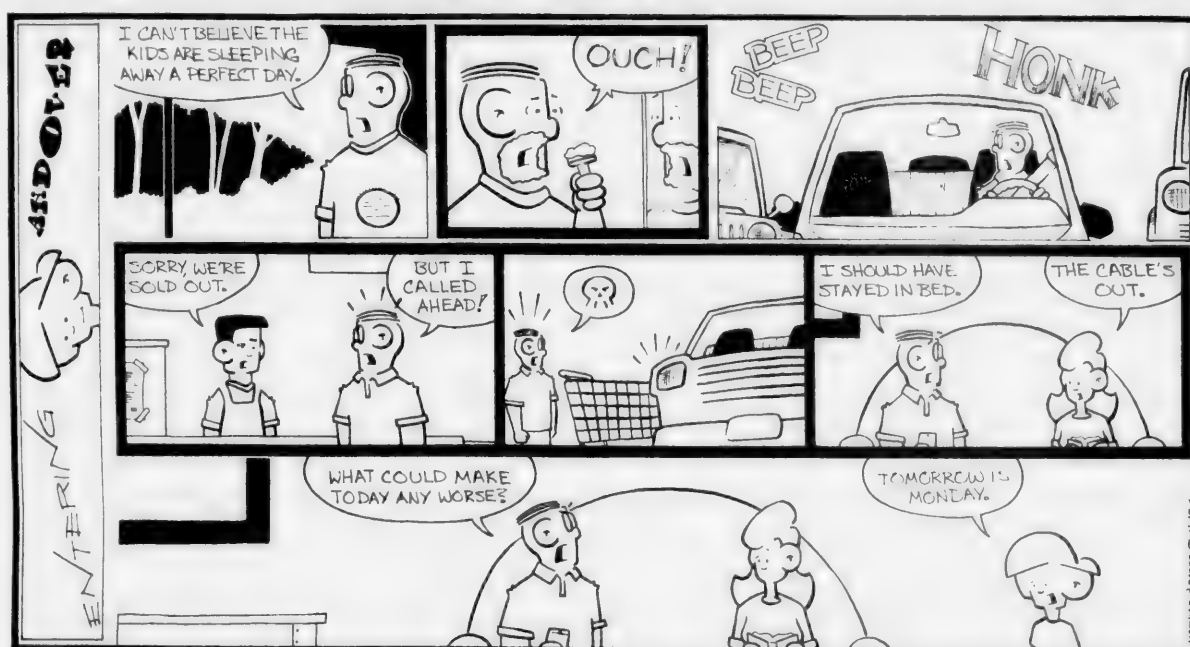
Health session, "My Medicare Matters," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square. A mobile education team will provide one-on-one assistance for seniors and others with Medicare using state-of-the-art Web-based technology. Admission is free.

Exchange Club 4th Annual Taste of Methuen fundraiser, 6 to 9 p.m. at Guesthouse Suites, Methuen. Benefits the club's charity account, which aids the children of St. Ann's Home and Methuen's Arlington neighborhood. Tickets \$15 per person. Call Ken Willette

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Evening Book Discussion, *The Bell* by Iris Murdoch, 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library, Andover.

Thursday, April 27

"Come and Find Your Quiet Center," open house at Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, 660 Great Pond Road, North Andover. Susan Amick will introduce participants to meditation in motion, moving into stillness, prayer yoga, walking meditation and breath work. Opportunities to explore the outdoor double labyrinth for walking meditation and time for journaling and reflection. Registration \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Fee includes facility use, program, beverage service and gourmet lunch. Call 978-682-8815 or visit www.rollingridge.org.

"No Pain Piano" workshop, 6 to 9 p.m. with Frank Dunne. He will teach his "learn-to-play-piano-in-3-hours" techniques at West Elementary School, Shawsheen Road. For information or to register, call 978-623-8274.

"Noted Authors" lecture series, 7 p.m. with James Reston Jr., author of *Dogs of God: Columbus, the Inquisition, and the Defeat of the Moors*. Free; all welcome. Massachusetts School of Law, Woodland Park, 500 Federal St., Andover.

Ongoing

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., to discuss book of the week. Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Call Jean McGreehan at 603-667-9610.

Appalachian Mountain Club Andover Committee Wednesday Walks through April, May and June. Meet at Shawsheen Plaza at 9

a.m. 978-475-8537.

Drum and Dance Circle, meets fourth Friday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover. 978-470-1134.

Embroiderers Guild of America, meets third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. through May. Dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form. Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury. Call Rosemary Carter at 978-893-0959.

Lawrence Heritage State Park indoor and outdoor guided tours exploring the history of Lawrence. Free; all welcome. Reservations required. 1 Jackson St., Lawrence. 978-794-1655.

Lowell Opera Company holds rehearsals every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell. New members welcome; auditions not required. 978-441-6926 or www.operalowell.org.

Men's woodcarving group, meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover. 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Toastmasters Club, meets second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Call Bill Cashman at 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, meets every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Call 978-686-0900.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's a cappella group, rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex Ave. Route 62, Wilmington. Call Kate at 978-692-1843.

Methuen Community Band, rehearses every other Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. All instruments and skill levels welcome. Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen. Call Lori at 978-794-1973.

Nature walks through Harold Parker State Forest every Wednesday, 9 a.m. Meet at headquarters on Middleton Road, North Andover. Call Barbara Buls at 978-475-7972.

New England Classical Singers, a regional group of singers devoted to the presentation of demanding and interesting choral music; holds tryouts and rehearsals Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. at South School in Andover. 978-475-1468 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers holds a coffee the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Top of the Scales, 4 Johnson St., North Andover. All new residents of Andover and North Andover are welcome. Call Jenn at 978-685-2000 or Peggy at 978-475-3933.

North Parish Quilters, meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. through June. New members welcome; guest fee \$5. union Congregational Church, 148

Haverhill St., North Reading. Call Susan Reichter at 978-475-3594.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Forest Street Church in Methuen. Call 978-681-0355 or visit www.nrtwine.com.

Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club dances held every Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets Route 12, Wilmington. 978-658-4022.

Stompers Country Line Dance Production holds dances every Wednesday and Sunday, 7 to 11 p.m. at GuestHouse Inn & Suites, exit 47 off I-93, Methuen.

Turkey Town Trotters Square Dance Club meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, Sutton Street, North Andover. 978-682-3280 or 978-682-2403.

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ART

ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Features "Kitsch n' Art," paintings and collages based on the art of homemaking, by Andover artist Betsy Wish through April. 97 Main St., Andover.

BRUSH ART. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios will present "In Sequence," an exhibition of 10 artists, through May 3. Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 256 Market St., Lowell. 978-459-7819 or www.thebrush.org.

CUTLER GALLERY. The Preston Cutler Gallery will feature a group show by Cape Ann watercolor painters through April. Artists include Karyl Hayes, Betty McMillan, Lea Parsons, Dolly Reid, and Doris Suminsky. Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 149 Asbury St., Hamilton. 978-468-4461.

ENDICOTT COLLEGE. Features "Giclee on Campus" through April 27; "Above and Beyond: Alumni Award Winners, Achievements, Successes and Contributions" through July 28, Halle Library Archive and Museum Gallery. Includes photographs, paper ephemera, computer programs and more by people in various professions. Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 376 Hale St., Beverly. 978-232-2250.

FIREHOUSE CENTER. The Firehouse Center for the Arts will host an exhibit of local landscapes and marshes by Karen Jones through May 2. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1 Market Square, Newburyport. 978-462-7336 or www.firehouse.org.

GALLERY 181. Features "Art on the Wall: A Juried Exhibition" of paintings, photography, mixed media and sculpture by 40 New England artists through May. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. 181 Canal St., Lawrence. 978-741-7979.

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NEW CALENDAR DEADLINES

- Events listings are due **NO LATER THAN NOON ON THURSDAY** - a week before publication.
- Early submission - at least 2 weeks before the event should be published - is preferred, especially from regular contributors of news & calendar listings.
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GORDON COLLEGE. The Barrington Center for the Arts at Gordon College will feature alumni works by Michelle Arnold, Anthony Falchetta, Jonathan MacAdam, and Truitt Seitz **through Friday, April 14.** Gallery hours: Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 255 Grapevine Road, Wenham. 978-867-4414.

GOVERNOR DUMMER. The Carl Youngman Gallery at Governor Dummer Academy will feature "Offerings," work by John Raleigh, Ann McCrea, and Susan Kapuscinski, **through April 21.** Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. 1 Elm St., Byfield. 978-465-1763.

JOPPA FLATS. The Joppa Flats Education Center will host "The Four Seasons," an exhibit of plein air paintings by Peabody artist Janis Sanders **through April 23.** Juliet Kellogg French Room. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. 978-462-9998 or www.massaudubon.org.

LEHMAN CENTER. The Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School will present student artwork, including paintings, drawings, ceramics, and sculptures, **through Saturday, April 15.** Student Artwork including paintings, prints, drawings, ceramics, and sculptures **through June 15.**

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LORICA ARTWORKS. Gallery will feature "A Rich and Rare Land," fine art from Ireland, **through April.** Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 90 Main St., Andover. 978-470-1929.

UMASS LOWELL. University Gallery will feature "Paintings on Paper," small-scale paintings created by using tiny nodules of color by Masako Kamiya, **through May 12.** Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 71 Wilder St., Lowell. 978-934-3494.

CHILDREN/FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM. The North Shore Children's Museum features hands-on educational exhibits for children up to age 8. Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$4.50. 294 Essex St., Salem. 978-741-1811.

COLONIAL DAYS. The Witch House, home of Jonathan and Elizabeth Corwin and their 10 children, will host "Life with the Corwins" **Monday, April 17, 12:30 to 4 p.m.** Features period crafts, games, costumes, and more. Ages 6 to 14.

Cost \$1, \$2 adults. 370 Essex St., Salem. 978-744-8815.

MUSEUM PROGRAM. The Wenham Museum will present What Would I Do if I Met a Moose? **Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.** Includes stories and book signing with author Bea Rosebush and a related craft. Ages 5 and up. Free with museum admission, \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 children 2 and up, registration required. 132 Main St., Wenham. 978-468-2377.

MUSEUM PROGRAMS. The National Heritage Museum will present vacation week children's programs **Monday, April 17 through Thursday, April 20** beginning at 10 a.m. daily. Features workshops, games, arts and crafts, and more. Families welcome. Cost is \$9 or less per day. 33 Merrett Road, Lexington. 781-861-6559 or www.nationalheritagemuseum.org.

SATURDAY EXPLORATIONS. The Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary will present Vernal Pool Safari **Saturday, April 15, 1 to 2:30 p.m.** Features an investigative walk to see what animals live in vernal pools. Ages 5 and up. Cost \$9. Meet in the Resource Center. 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield. 978-887-9264.

SHRINERS CIRCUS. Aleppo Shriners Circus performances Tuesday to Friday, April 18 to 21, at 2 and 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 22

at 10 a.m. and 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 23, at 2 and 6 p.m. Shriners Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington. 800-700-0013.

DANCE

SINGLES DANCE. The Single Life will present a dance **Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. to midnight.** American Legion Post 4. Features live DJ and refreshments. Cost \$8. Route 121, Haverhill. 978-373-3504.

MUSEUMS

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NORTH ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Includes library, archive, and museum galleries

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PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM. Features "Taj Mahal: The Building of a Legend" **through July 23;** "Owls in Art and Nature" **through Nov. 5.** Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students and children 16 and younger and Salem residents, free. 866-745-1876 or www.pem.org.

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SCIENCE MUSEUM. The Museum of Science will present "Greece: Secrets of the Past," "Star Wars: Where Science Meets the Imagination" **through April.** Features technologies depicted in the films and a narrated show about the films' planets. Science Park, Boston. 617-723-2500 or www.mos.org.

MUSIC

ACOUSTIC CONCERT. Cornerstone Books will host live music with Karen Ristuben and guests **Friday, April 14, 7 to 9 p.m.** Features roots, jazz, and blues. Free, all welcome. 45 Lafayette St., Salem. 978-595-5401.

NEW ORLEANS CONCERT. The Tabernacle Congregational Church will host a New Orleans Dance/Concert **Saturday, April 15.** Features live music and CD release party with the Squeezbox Stompers. Cajun dance instruction at 7 p.m., concerts start at 7:45 p.m. Admission \$8, \$4 children under 12. Refreshments served. 50 Washington St., Salem.

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Mathematicians are fascinated by Magic Squares. In a Magic Square, each row, column and major diagonal must add up to the same value. Each consecutive number must be used only once.

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8	1	6
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4		
	5	1
2		6

Using arithmetic, fill in the missing numbers in this magic square.

Sudoku

The most popular math puzzle today is Sudoku. However, Sudoku doesn't actually require you to do any math. It's a logic game.

The first Sudoku was created by American Howard Garnes in 1979 as "Number Place." It was introduced in Japan in 1984. Wayne Gould, a New Zealander, saw a Sudoku in 1997. He developed a computer program to create the puzzles. He persuaded *The Times* in Britain to print its first Sudoku on Nov. 12, 2004. It is now the fastest-growing puzzle in the world.

A Sudoku puzzle has a 9x9 grid divided into smaller 3x3 boxes. Some of the squares already contain a number. Others are blank. Players must fill the empty squares.

Each row, column and box must contain each numeral 1 to 9. Each numeral is used only once in each row, column and box. Each puzzle has one solution. The clue numbers are provided in a symmetrical pattern.

Sudoku hints

The Kid has filled in the entire center box to show how each box contains all nine numerals. Column five down and row five across are also complete. If you've never done a Sudoku before, here are some hints on how to start:

* Scan the top three rows for the numeral 1.

8		2	1	6				9
	5			8				1
		4		5	7			
7			6	9	1			5
9	1	8	5	4	2	3	6	7
5			7	3	8			4
		5		7		8		
	7			6				4
4			3	2	9			6

There are 1s in the second box and the third box. However, there is no 1 in the first box, third row. That means a 1 must go in the first or second square in that box. Look down the columns to see if there is a 1 in either column. There is a 1 in column two, so that means the 1 must go in the first square of row three. Write a 1 in that square.

* Scan for 7s. Look down columns four, five and six. You will see 7s in column four and column five. Where should the 7 go in column six? It must go in the center top box. There are two open squares, but one already has a 7 in its row. So that means the 7 goes in the second square down of the sixth column.

* Now look across the top three rows. Can you see where the 7 goes in the first square?



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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Bursting with spring energy

Andover High's baseball, lacrosse and tennis teams are all quick to warm up this season

By Rick Harrison

THE ANDOVER HIGH VARSITY baseball team, ranked No. 2 in the latest Eastern Mass. polls behind only St. John's Prep of Danvers, opened the season by successfully defending its Wakefield Invitational Tournament championship.

The Golden Warriors blasted Saugus, 12-0, in the semifinals and trimmed host Wakefield, 5-2, in the title game as veteran hurlers Myke Fortier and Dan Godefroi tossed a pair of mound gems.

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Also off to quick starts are AHS boys lacrosse (4-0), girls lacrosse (2-0), girls tennis (2-0) and boys tennis (2-0).

BASEBALL

The reigning Division 1 North champions appeared in mid-season form as they ripped Saugus and toppled Wakefield in tourney play at Walsh Field in Wakefield.

Last spring coach Ken Maglio's crew blasted Wakefield, 14-6, in the opener and Beverly, 12-2, in the final.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors (2-0) are back in action this afternoon (Thursday) with the Merrimack Valley Conference opener at Billerica's Marshall Middle School Hall of Fame Field (3:30 p.m.).

An interesting early-season vacation-week showdown at MVC Division 2 power Tewksbury High's Strong Field next Wednesday morning (11 a.m.) wraps up a string of four straight road games.

The home opener at Peter Aumais Park is Friday, April 21 versus Chelmsford (2 p.m.).

WAKEFIELD TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Andover 5

Wakefield 2

The champs fell behind 2-0 in the first as Wakefield pushed across a pair of unearned runs, taking advantage of two errors and two hits including a one-out RBI single.

AHS lefty ace Dan Godefroi (1-0) then shut the door with 5¹/₃ innings of no-hit ball, retiring 11 straight and 13 of the final 14 batters he faced while fanning seven and issuing two walks.

Kevin Calabro earned the save with a 1-2-3 seventh in relief, getting the first batter on an infield grounder before striking out the next two.

Godefroi tied the game with a two-run triple in the third, chasing home Paul Malaguti who beat out an infield hit and Andrew Hennessy who walked.

The locals left two runners aboard in each of the next two innings, but took the lead in the sixth on a one-out double to left by junior catcher Doug Hawkins, bunt single by P.J. Farnham and sacrifice fly by Malaguti.

The winners sent eight men to the plate and notched a pair of insurance runs in the seventh.

Godefroi opened the inning with an infield hit, Greg Carroll and Calabro walked and Mike Pierce's infield grounder was misplayed as Godefroi and Carroll scampered home.

Godefroi and Farnham led the seven-hit attack with two apiece while Pierce, Hawkins and Malaguti added one each. Calabro walked three times.



Left, Athena Lynch returns the ball during the third singles match as the Lady Warriors tennis team hosted Lawrence. At right, Emma Haak returns a volley.



PHOTO BY T.M. JEAN

SEMIFINAL

Andover 12

Saugus 0

The Golden Warriors broke this one open very early with four runs in the first, one in the second and three in the third inning.

AHS, designated home team at the neutral site, scored at least once in each of the six frames and didn't bat in the bottom of the seventh.

Myke Fortier (1-0) yielded only three hits, fanned nine and walked just one while working the first six innings.

Tom White mopped up in the seventh by striking out the side.

The locals' nine-hit attack included two safeties each by Dan Godefroi, sophomore DH Mike Pierce in his first varsity start and sophomore P.J. Farnham (double).

Andrew Hennessy, Greg Carroll and Kyle Morander contributed one hit apiece, while Carroll also scored three runs and Hennessy two.

Hennessy, Pierce, sophomore Sam Clark and Kevin Calabro drove in two runs each.

Andover batters drew four walks and only struck out once.

BOYS TENNIS

A key three-set come-from-behind win at third singles by Eric Krupnik lifted the Andover High boys varsity tennis team to an impressive 3-2 non-league victory over host Reading, highlighting a 2-0 start by the Golden Warriors that also included a 5-0 romp over Merrimack Valley Conference foe Lawrence.

Schedule

Andover hosts Central Catholic this afternoon (Thursday), in the second of five early-season home matches, and the locals are then idle over the spring vacation week before returning to the AHS courts Wednesday, April 26 versus visiting Billerica (all matches 3:30 p.m.).

Andover 3

Reading 2

The team score was knotted 2-2 with only Krupnik and Rockets' opponent Sean Cadigan still on the court.

Krupnik won the first set easily, 6-1, and Cadigan took the second, 6-2. Cadigan then grabbed a 3-1 lead in the decisive third set — before Krupnik shifted into focus mode and won five of the last six games to clinch the set, the match and the AHS team win.

"Eric reduced his unforced errors and picked up his level of play to turn the last set around," said Andover coach Mike Wartman.

Reading edged Andover by the same 3-2 score in last year's season opener — but Wartman shook off any notion of payback.

"Different season. Different teams," noted the coach.

The locals earned the victory with strength in singles, sweeping all three matches while Middlesex League power Reading won both doubles.

First and second singles were straight-set sweeps by veterans Dave Adams and Jeremy Hogan, sophomore Adams rolling 6-2, 6-2 past Reading's Dave McGinty and senior Capt. Jeremy Hogan leading all the way in a hard-fought 6-4, 7-5 triumph over Cam Salter.

AHS senior Seth Johnson and junior Steve Ochs battled hard at second doubles, but eventually succumbed to Brian Casey and Dave Padula. The Hornets pair won 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3.

Andover seniors Julian Vastl and Seth Davidovits lost to Brian Leahy and Pat Lohnes at first doubles.

Andover 5

Lawrence 0

The Golden Warriors opened the season with an overpowering victory at the AHS courts, sweeping all five matches in straight sets while losing just one game in singles

and four in doubles against visiting MVC rival Lawrence.

Several AHS players picked up their first varsity win or played in just their second or third varsity match.

In singles, senior Eric Krupnik stepped in at No. 1 and rolled to a 6-0, 6-1 triumph over the Lancers Jose Bernes.

"It was good to see Eric play so well," said coach Wartman. "He worked very hard on his game in the off-season. He took control off this match from the start and finished off the points quickly."

"His opponent is fast and covers the court well but Eric negated that speed with his shotmaking and accuracy."

Juniors Jason Dashtpeyma and Rohit Sangal rolled to identical 6-0, 6-0 wins over Charlie Sam and Minh Lu of Lawrence at No. 2 and 3 singles respectively.

"Jason and Rohit have also improved," said Wartman. "Today they played steady and smart."

First doubles Rustin Zarkar and senior Capt. Jim Conway, the former in his first varsity match, chalked up a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Francis Naneru and Tony Perez.

Sophomores Phil Johnson and Justin Lasser, playing together for the first time at the varsity level, pounded out a 6-0, 6-1 win over the Lancers' Guy Nguyen and Hoa Luong.

"Both doubles teams served and volleyed well," offered Wartman.

The AHS coach was also impressed with the progress being made by the opposition.

"Lawrence had one of its biggest turnouts ever this spring — and that has to be good for the future of the program," said Wartman.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High boys varsity volleyball team launched its 2006 season with a solid 3-1 victory over Methuen.

But the Golden Warriors, with a rugged first-week schedule, also dropped a pair of 3-1 decisions to host St. John's Prep of Danvers and reigning state champ Lawrence High.

Schedule

Andover hosted Chelmsford last night (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, and travels to Billerica for another MVC match this evening (5:30 p.m. varsity start).

The locals are then off until next Wednesday evening when they play at Lowell (5:30).

Health report

Junior defender Pat McGovern remains sidelined indefinitely with chest problems.

"We've lost a key defensive player and right now we don't know how long Pat will be out," said head coach George Sullivan. "He'll be tough to replace."

Andover 3

Methuen 1

Outstanding individual performances from senior middle hitter Jerry Mohan on offense, and senior libero/Capt. Tyler Carroll on defense, sparked the locals to a tough first win.

The season-opening match was a tug-of-war throughout, visiting AHS winning the first and third games by identical 25-23 scores, losing the second, 25-23, and capturing the fourth in overtime, 26-24.

"We showed our strength at middle hit-

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AHS ROUNDUP

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

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ter and played very well at times," said coach Sullivan. "But it was also frustrating because our blocking was weak."

"It was a typical first match for us (Methuen had beaten Central earlier), with players a little nervous and tentative at the start. Once we got into it, though, we were aggressive and both teams banged the ball hard," said Sullivan.

Mohan finished 35-for-40 hitting, with an impressive 26 kills, and he was a perfect 14-for-14 both serving and on defense.

Carroll contributed 40-for-50 passing and went 18-for-19 serving with one ace.

Senior middle hitter and Capt. Luke Bruno was also solid at the net, 25-for-31 hitting with 13 kills, and he added 14-for-15 serving and 19-for-21 on defense.

Darren McRoy finished 11-for-13 hitting, with eight kills, and 19-for-19 serving with a team-high two aces. He also went 18-for-20 passing.

Other top hitters were senior Alex Levine on the outside, 16-for-20 with four kills, and senior Nick Assad 7-for-10 with two kills.

Levine added 8-for-12 serving and 12-for-15 on defense, while Assad was 9-for-12 passing.

Also providing solid contributions were senior setter Mike Gianopoulos (14-for-14 serving, one ace, 18-for-18 passing), first-year player Jake Stamas (one kill, 8-for-9 passing), John-Henry Heckendon (18-for-20 passing) and sophomore middle hitter Josh Bruno.

Junior defender Pat McGovern was sidelined by the flu and missed the match.

AHS finished 98-for-127 hitting (77 percent), with 56 kills, and 87-for-93 serving (94 percent) with four aces.

The locals also went 158-for-181 passing (87 percent) and 20-for-42 blocking (48 percent).

The Andover JVs dropped their opener to Methuen, 2-0.

St. John's Prep 3 Andover 1

The locals stepped up and beat the undefeated host Eagles (3-0) by a 25-21 score in the first game, but then dropped the next three 25-20, 25-17 and 25-19.

"We started off well but then St. John's began concentrating on our middle hitters with effective double and triple blocks," said coach Sullivan.

Capt. Luke Bruno and senior Jerry Mohan were both strong and active in the middle, Bruno 30-for-33 hitting with 14 kills and Mohan 26-for-33 with 13 kills.

Mohan also finished 15-for-15 serving and Bruno was 12-for-13.

Other top hitters were Darren McRoy, 16-for-19 with six kills, and outside hitter Alex Levine 11-for-18 with five kills.

McRoy had the team's lone ace and was 10-for-11 serving, while Levine was 10-for-10.

Rapidly-improving senior first-year player Jake Stamas went 5-for-7 hitting, with one kill, Nick Assad 6-for-7, Capt. Tyler Carroll 4-for-6, Mike Gianopoulos and sophomore

John-Henry Heckendon both 2-for-2.

Gianopoulos and Carroll also served well, the former 17-for-17 and the latter 8-for-10.

As a team Andover produced 39 kills and one ace, going 104-for-131 hitting (79 percent), 72-for-76 serving (95 percent) and 139-for-160 passing (87 percent).

The AHS junior varsity swept to a 2-0 victory by game scores of 25-20 and 25-21.

Playing well for the winners were Mike Emmons (defense), Dave Espindle (setting, eight blocks), Garrett Kent (eight kills, five blocks) and Nathan Castro (defense, 23-for-23 serving).

Kent's performance earned him a boost to the varsity roster.

Lawrence 3 Andover 1

AHS got caught admiring the opposition for too long – and by the time the Golden Warriors settled down it was too late.

Undefeated Lawrence (3-0) won the first two games, 25-21 and 25-22, before Andover took game three, 25-19, and extended game four to the wire before the Lancers prevailed, 25-23.

"Lawrence has some tremendous athletes – but they're beatable," said Sullivan. "We spent the first part of the match a little in awe of their ability. We were sluggish and we weren't thinking."

"Then we began rushing things and that was just as bad. The inconsistency hurt us."

"We played a great third game and a very good fourth game," added Sullivan. "We also blocked better (58 percent)."

The Golden Warriors finished with 61 kills in the hard-hitting match, including 21 by Jerry Mohan who went 37-for-42 hitting, 14 for Luke Bruno (39-for-45), 10 for Dar-



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Luke Bruno spikes the ball against the visiting Lawrence team.

ren McRoy (22-for-23), eight for Jake Stamas (16-for-18), four for Alex Levine (13-for-18) and three for Nick Assad (10-for-13).

Mike Gianopoulos contributed 7-for-7 hitting and one kill, while libero Tyler Carroll was 5-for-5.

In the serving department, McRoy was 17-for-19, Levine 16-for-17 with one ace, Mohan 15-for-

16, Gianopoulos 13-for-13, Luke Bruno 12-for-12 with one ace and Carroll 12-for-12.

Defensively, the top passers were Carroll (40-for-47), Mohan (32-for-36), Luke Bruno (28-for-31), Levine (20-for-24), McRoy (17-for-21), Gianopoulos (15-for-19), John-Henry Heckendon (8-for-19).

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AHS ROUNDUP

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

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10) and Assad (6-for-7).

"The statistics were pretty high because all four games were long ones," said Sullivan.

AHS was 150-for-173 hitting (87 percent), 85-for-89 serving (96 percent) with two aces and 172-for-198 passing (87 percent).

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The Andover JV's (1-2) dropped a 2-1 decision in the prelim, winning the first game, 25-19, before losing 25-15 and 15-10.

Playing well were Garrett Kent (four blocks, four kills), Gary Hinds (five kills), Kyle Butler (12-for-12 hitting, defense) and Jeff Kohr (16-for-16 serving, one ace).

BOYS LACROSSE

The undefeated Andover High boys var-

sity lacrosse team has registered four straight season-opening victories, the impressive start highlighted by a thrilling 11-10 come-from-behind victory over Billerica sealed on A.J. Drivas' clutch game-winning goal netted only three seconds from the end of regulation.

Other recent wins were over non-league Algonquin Regional of Northboro (11-6) and fledgling team Tewksbury.

Those results left head coach Wayne Puglisi's crew at 4-0 overall including 3-0 in Merrimack Valley Conference play.

Schedule

AHS returns to action this afternoon (Thursday) with a key MVC game at Chelmsford High (4 p.m.), and next Monday night under the lights at Lovely Field the Golden Warriors battle coach Steve Connolly's always-tough non-league North Andover squad (7 p.m.).

Andover 11
Billerica 10

"It doesn't get any better than this," said coach Puglisi. "This was a special win - because of the team we beat and the way we did it."

The locals inched ahead 7-6 at the half, and then fell behind 9-7 after Billerica scored three straight third-period goals.

Capt. Buddy Farnham's key momentum-reversing goal early in the fourth session made it 9-8, and equally-important goals by senior midfielder Phil Kim and Capt. Mike Lamagna tied it 10-10 heading into the final minute of regulation (ties go to overtime).

Andover went one man up after a BMHS penalty with 40 seconds left.

"We got the ball at midfield and set up in front of their net," said Puglisi. "We moved the ball around - with the clock winding down - and their goalie (Doug Gallant) made a save on a shot by Buddy



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Tyler Carroll returns a serve from the Lawrence team.

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3A Lost & Found

FOUND: Bird Male Cockatiel

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Call 978-470-2213 to identify

FOUND: Cat, domestic, long haired, gray, female, Elm St., Gloucester, MA. 978-283-6055. Cape Ann Animal Aid.

FOUND: Cat, domestic, short haired, gray/white tabby, female, Mt Vernon St., Gloucester, MA. 978-283-6055. Cape Ann Animal Aid.

FOUND: CAT: Himalayan, corner of Kingsbury and Willow Avenues in Bradford. Kitty very comfy, but would like to go home. 978-373-8857

FOUND CAT ON 3/6/06 Near Grove St., Gloucester. Beautiful black & white long haired. Very friendly. 978-283-1532

FOUND: DIAMOND Ring, Salem, NH parking lot, week of February 12th. Call to identify. 978-774-4284.

FOUND DOG: liver & white neutered male Springer Spaniel, Rt. 107, Kingston, NH. Mon, Apr. 8, afternoon. Kingston Police 603-442-5142

FOUND DOG: Whippet-sized dog, white with brown spots. Recently Derby Street, Salem, MA wed March 15th 978-335-9330

FOUND: Girls purple & pink wallet, on Sun. 3/26 in front of the Gloucester Post Office. Call to Describe 978-281-2425

FOUND gold chain with pendant, on 3/6/06 at the Methuen High School. Call 978-681-8627

FOUND GOLD EARRING On Beacon St., Gloucester. 978-281-3124

FOUND: House key. Owner needs to identify key ring, corner of Bowdoin & Massachusetts Ave. Call 978-774-6715

FOUND large gray cat, been hanging around South Londonderry, NH since the Fall. Please call 603-434-9275.

FOUND Ring near Loop in Methuen, MA. Call to describe 978-683-1287

FOUND: White female cat, part Siamese, lost had white paws, chest, white tipped tail, since October 30. Reward \$5. 801-814-0882

LOST - Gold Bangle with Diamonds. Lost at Market Basket, Walgreens, or parking lot at Rt. 102. Please call (603) 422-9430

LOST in Haverhill IRISH CLADDAGH RING with a PLEADGE RING in it. Very sentimental value. Call 978-374-6234

LOST, Italian Greyhound, vicinity of Washington St., Gloucester. Name is Ling Ling. 978-281-7567

LOST - Man's dog ring, Square with initials. Lost in Yoken's Restaurant. December of 2004. 978-686-7923.

LOST: Pitbull, female, chocolate/white, chocolate patch right eye, natural ears, white paws, chest, white tipped tail, since October 30. Reward \$5. 801-814-0882

LOST: Pomeranian, red, female, about 18 lbs., 8 years old, vicinity Cedar Street, Haverhill, MA, since 3/14. Bald spot in tail area. Call 978-272-5800

LOST, Salem, N.H. Gents DIAMOND BAND on March 4th, all small Princess cut diamonds, yellow gold, carat TW. Call 603-898-2839

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FOUND: ROCKPORT Pomeranian Red

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LOST CAT - 31 male, old black, neutered, gray strands on chest. 11 old Bradford/Groveland line. Please call 978-374-4113

LOST: Cat, 46, small female short-haired, all black, vicinity of Washington Street, Methuen. Responses please to: Cecelia, reward. 978-681-8844

LOST: CAT, County St., Peabody, MA. 1 year old female, short hair, gray/white/black, white tiger, bright green flea collar. "Zebra" 978-531-2241 or 978-394-5611

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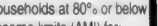
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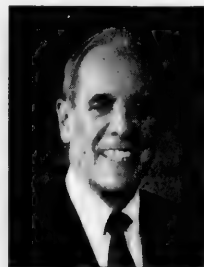
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Answering 'I wonder what happened to...'



Bill Dalton

Anyway, someone sent Leete a copy of my March 2 column, and Leete sent me an e-mail. We've exchanged several since, and much of the conversation has been about early Little League.

Leete's parents were really nice people. His dad umpired Little Leagues home games and his mom was at every one of Leete's games. Leete's mom kept a very good scrapbook, and he sent me pictures including the 1954 team picture that appears with this column. The handwritten notation says that the team won the championship.

Leete is right in the middle of the picture. He signed his first e-mail to me, "Dick Leete, 2nd Baseman, Andover Cardinals."

He was one of the best players on the team: very steady in the field and often on base. The fat, stupid looking kid in the middle of the front row is me. (I was, shall we say, in an awkward phase.) We were both playing our third year of Little League.

I'd mentioned in my earlier column that the first year of Little League was 1951. Leete corrected me. His picture of that team is labeled with the date "1952." Indeed, when I did my own age math, 1952 was the first year of fully organized Little League. However, Leete reminded me that there was a team in 1951 that played without uniforms. He says he has a hazy recollection of that team. His comments slapped my synapses a bit. Leete and I both played on that team, as did a bunch of the 1952 players. (I'd like to hear from any of these 1951 players.) Leete's memory was that it was "...formed by the Boosters in the early fall of 1951, perhaps as an experiment to judge the level of interest in Little League. After brief tryouts, I think we played a couple of games on the high school varsity baseball field, which was temporarily modified (without a home run fence),

to conform with Little League field standards. I can't remember for sure who our opponents were, but I think they might have been from Methuen."

My memories primarily involved chasing two pop flies and running into Willy Simpson both times. He was older and a bit bigger than I was at the time. We came together pretty darn hard, and I thought maybe baseball wasn't my sport. The field we were on is now named after Ted Boudreau, and it's at the Playstead.

The Andover Boosters Club was a group of men who came together in 1947 to buy new uniforms for the Punchard football team and all-girls band. The Boosters stayed together and did a lot for town sports in the next decade.

I called Bill McCullom, who played the first year of uniformed Little League ball. He was 12 that year (four years older than I). He said that the Boosters held baseball clinics several days each year. Any boy interested in playing would get on his bike and head to the Playstead.

There, several Boosters, including his dad, my dad, Hal Wennick, Stretch Pearson, and others, would teach how to hit, catch, slide and all the other fundamentals. A game would follow. (I have home movies taken by my mom showing one of these games.) It's pretty easy to assume that this is how Little League started in Andover, especially since McCullom's dad, Charlie McCullom, was the first commissioner of the Andover Little League. McCullom still has his first Little League hat, as I do. He was a fine athlete and co-captained Punchard's 1956 football team along with my brother Buck. He now lives in Boxford.

Dick Leete sent me second picture. It was a little damaged. I quote him: "I found some photos of John Giovino, along with a 20-something model, and me doing a promotion for Tyer Rubber Company. John and I were wearing our new Tyer Rubber baseball shoes with rubber cleats. There were two (perhaps three) models at the promo shoot. I now remember that my Mom 'surgically' removed the models from all but one photo."

Tyer Rubber (later Converse) was one of Andover's biggest employers. John Giovino played basketball and baseball at Punchard and was an excellent first baseman and co-captain of the 1958 baseball team. (Where is he now?)

For those of you who



A promotional picture for Tyer Rubber Company taken in 1954. On left is John Giovino, in the middle is an unknown professional model, at right is former resident Dick Leete.

remember Leete, he is living the good life. After graduating from PA, he received a degree in civil engineering from UMass. While there, he was a two-sport athlete, tennis and soccer, and made the All-New England soccer team. He moved from baseball to tennis after being beamed twice at PA. That was baseball's loss. He worked for the Connecticut Department of Transportation for 32 years and retired as CDOT's assistant railroad administrator. He lives in South Windsor, Conn., with his wife, Jean, who was his college sweetheart. They have a daughter, Chris, a son-in-law and two grandchildren. He and his wife play a lot of golf and like to fish.

Next week, I start a two-part column on Ted Boudreau. My e-mail is billdalton@billdaltononline.com. I'd like to hear from you.



This picture was taken at the playstead with Punchard High School and the Junior high (now Doherty Middle School) in the background. Dick Leete's notes on the picture identify, from top: L. Stickney, coach; Don Anderson, manager; top row: D. Anderson, W. Simpson, W. Dubocq and the coach's son; middle row: A. Leonardy, P. Durant, R. Leete, Mike Costello, R. Collins, G. Delaney; bottom row: J. O'Reilly, N. Wallace, W. Dalton, C. Smith and T. Matton.

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For painting, in and out, leave your home to Dolphin

By Camille Ducey
Correspondent

When Chris Alphen and his daughter, Tiffany, show up to paint customers' houses, homeowners eyes often widen at the sight of the 21-year old female climbing a ladder.

Father Chris Alphen is ready to allay their fears, whipping out a photo of himself and Tiffany scaling a home during a paint job when she was 12.

The father-daughter team own Dolphin Painting in North Reading, servicing customers from the Merrimack Valley to Cambridge. Customers get so comfortable with the duo, they don't even lock their homes when they go out, Alphen said.

"They love talking to her and feel safe with us," he said.

With 35 years experience in the painting business, Alphen knows his craft well.

As the spring season kicks off, homeowners have started calling and asking questions about peeling paint around windows and other parts of their home. Most people are too busy to take on their own painting projects and don't like climbing ladders, he said, recalling one customer who had 40 windows that were all peeling.

"When paint starts peeling, wood rots," said Alphen, who also has a carpenter working for him. "We'll replace it with new wood."

Alphen follows a specific process when doing a paint job.

First he sends over a worker who washes the house down with a hot-water diesel machine, a step recommended by paint companies to insure a clean work surface that will result in an optimal paint job.

Even if he's painting the inside of a home, he will send someone in to clean the surfaces, he said. The workers also report to him any areas that may show signs of rot.

Next his carpenter makes necessary repairs, then scrapes and sands the areas before he and his team apply a primer made from linseed oil. Alphen said oil-base paint jobs last twice as long.

The house is left to dry before applying the selected color. Depending on the color, it may take two coats, but the job is usually completed in about two days.

"We do things the high quality way and it lasts twice as long," he said, adding that price and quality of other painters varies. "People come in lower, but ours lasts longer."

Adopting the latest weather technology software, Alphen also gets a heads-up on developing weather systems so he can plan his jobs accordingly.

"I have a premium weather service and can do a lot of independent weather research," he said. "They forecast the weather more accurately than on the TV and radio and I can watch by the hour."

Sometimes he uses plain old weather watchers, like his father who lives out on Route 2 in Winchendon.

"If we have a freak rain storm, he calls and tells me. I have about a half-hour before it rains here," he said. "It all lets me do a better job."

Tiffany also consults to homeowners who need help to give them ideas about trends and advice on colors to go with their home. Since a lot of women handle this part of the household projects, they are very comfortable with her, Alphen said. "She's had a lifelong passion at what she's doing. She wants to do a good job for people."

Alphen said his daughter officially became his business partner about four years ago, after his divorce. At the time his business had a different name; he wanted to change it to reflect the partnership with his daughter.

They came up with Dolphin because she has a big dolphin collection.

"My first impression was that I didn't like it," he said. But after putting an ad in the newspaper his phone began ringing off the hook. The name stuck.

Alphen said for those people who do want to tackle their own paint projects the most important thing is to use top quality paint and brushes. He uses brushes that cost between \$20 and \$30 apiece. People might be saving money on labor but they shouldn't try to skimp on materials, he said, for materials make all the difference in the results.

He also advises homeowners not to give up too easily on a job that may take a lot of labor, such as more sanding and another coat of paint.

He recommends leaving really big jobs to the professionals. With a team of four to eight workers working eight-hour days, a job can be done quickly without disrupting his customers' home life, Alphen said.

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Don't move — renovate and hold home's value

By Chris Young
Correspondent

We like our family rooms and our kitchens, to be light and airy.

We like high ceilings, but not the cathedral ceilings of a generation ago.

We like garages that will hold our many cars.

"People want a more open concept when they renovate today. It allows them to entertain more easily," said Bill Foster, partner with Steve Cote in Cote and Foster Contracting Inc. based in Methuen.

"Cathedral ceilings are not popular, but families are going for vaulted (angled) or trayed (resembling an upside down tray) ceilings to give a family room a sense of spaciousness," he said. "Both vaulted and trayed ceilings raise a roof to give the room a sense of height, instead of putting a step-down into a family room."

Clients, young and the not-so-young, are adding to existing homes. Some are tearing down unwanted parts of the house that are outdated or no longer meet their needs. That includes major renovations that they themselves made 20 or 30 years ago.

Kitchens and family rooms, sometimes called great rooms, are getting most of the attention.

Homeowners are pouring money into renovating their kitchens and they are not stinting on expenses.



Bill Foster, left, and Steve Cote, business partners in Cote & Foster Contracting, Inc., finish a walk-through in a house they're remodeling.

"Kitchen suppliers are giving us a tremendous amount of new kitchen appliances and conveniences, such as warming drawers and high-end refrigerators and stoves. They are hard to resist," Foster said. "Customers like granite counters and some of the new granite-like products that don't require the upkeep that granite does."

"At the same time, families are using other rooms less, such as a formal living room," he continued. "The dining room hasn't gone out of style totally, because we still like to get together with our families for holidays."

Families with three or four

cars demand three-stall garages to house them.

"If you have a two-stall garage, it's easy to add another stall or to get the structure ready for a third when the homeowner is ready," Foster said.

The firm of Cote and Foster Contracting, Inc. is popular among Andover homeowners who are expanding and renovating instead of moving.

One older home they renovated recently will be featured in the June issue of *Kitchen and Bath Design News*, a trade journal. Cote and Foster worked with B&G Cabinets of Newburyport on the project.

"Many Andover people

respect historic homes and are willing to renovate them," Foster said. "We've redone several homes on Central Street. One won a Preservation Award from the Andover Historical Society. One or two of the projects were for the younger generation of a family who bought the homes they grew up in. They liked their parents' home, but wanted to make it their own. Steve (Cote), my business partner, is a whiz at helping them design their new additions."

He thinks these people are making a good investment. "I've never seen anybody lose by buying a home in Andover. Location is important."

Steve and Bill have been friends since they met at St. Augustine Grammar School in Lawrence. They went to Greater Lawrence Vocational School together and earned associate's degrees in civil engineering at Northern Essex Community College. They started the firm in 1984.

A small firm with five full-time workers in addition to Steve and Bill, Cote and Foster prides itself on doing quality work with quiet efficiency.

"We say what we do and do what we say," Foster said. "Our workers are great representatives of the way Steve and I think. One guy has been with us for 20 years, two others for 10 years. Without good people, you can't make it in the construction business."

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What do those numbers on fertilizer bags actually mean?

By Joe Lamp'l
Scripps Howard

Whenever you see a fertilizer product, it will have three numbers prominently listed on the package, usually on the front. These numbers are very important and tell a great deal about what this fertilizer will do.

Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (N, P, K) are what the numbers refer to. They are always listed in this order. It is the percentage within that package of each component.

For example, a common type of all-purpose fertilizer is referred to as 10-10-10. This is a balanced blend of equal portions of nitrogen, phosphorus and

potassium. If you purchased a 50-pound bag, five pounds (or 10 percent) would be nitrogen, five pounds would be phosphorus and five pounds would be potassium. The remaining 70 percent is simply filler, or inert ingredients, which are there mostly to help disperse the chemicals.

A common way of describing the purpose behind each chemical is to think "up, down and all around."

Applying this simple phrase will help you remember that nitrogen, the first chemical listed, helps with plant growth above ground. Nitrogen pro-

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Four simple reminders for an outdoor sanctuary

Though you may not have recognized it at the time, there's often a common reason why gardens incorporating trellises are more peaceful and serene than others.

Spring may be the ideal time to plant flowers, shrubs and work outdoors, but smart gardeners begin planning long before April showers bring May flowers.

As your landscape emerges in early spring, imagine the perfect spot where an elegant trellis or another nice garden structure might go. These classic struc-

tures have been adding style, elegance and value to garden areas for centuries. Though you may not have recognized it at the time, there's often a common reason why gardens incorporating these structures are more peaceful and serene than others.

Location is key.

Remember, one of the greatest assets of any garden structure is its architectural appeal, so make sure the site and size you choose are appropriate for its

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surroundings. Consider attaching the structure to your home, using it to shelter a path between the main house and an outbuilding, or simply frame the view of another landscape feature.

Also, keep in mind the location from where the structure will be viewed. Will it be placed so it can be viewed from the deck, porch, kitchen or dining nook? Where will you enjoy it the most? These are all questions to consider when deciding on placement.

You may consider placing structures in the front yard as well, creating a unique look to the home's exterior that enhances curb appeal and thus value. Remember, the exterior of your home is the face it presents to the world; it defines the mood and character of the home and reflects the desired image.

Dimensions 101.

Take special care when deciding the proportions of foundational posts, hand railings or overhead canopy of the structure. For instance, a set of 4-by-4 inch posts would be ideal with 2-by-6 inch overhead boards, but not vice versa. Also, make sure the posts are vertically straight and even in height, and ensure the overhead canopy boards are level and evenly spaced in parallel to each other.

Attention to detail is essential here.

Embrace the environment.

There's often a key reason why some yards are more peaceful and serene than others. More than likely, the setting incorporates designs and materials embracing the natural environment, thus creating an outdoor haven that is a harmonious blend of architecture and nature.

In fact, through a simple coordination of all-natural materials and stylistically consistent additions gracefully creating a "balanced" environment that becomes a component of the larger natural order almost becomes second nature.

Keep it real.

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Ready to turn your yard into an "Outdoor Sanctuary?" With the right planning and all-natural materials, you'll be able to create a relaxing outdoor paradise that will become a welcome respite from the hectic pace of everyday life.

FERTILIZER: Numbers on bag help determine proper use to ensure flourishing plants

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motes the green leafy growth of foliage and provides the necessary ingredients to produce lush green lawns. Lawn fertilizers frequently have a high first number for this purpose.

Phosphorus, the middle number, is very effective at establishing growth below ground, in the form of healthy root sys-

tems. It is also the component most responsible for flower blooms and fruit production. You'll notice that fertilizers designed for flower production, or starter-type fertilizers for your lawn, have a high middle number. Potassium, the last number listed, is considered important for overall plant health. This is primarily due to its ability to help build strong

cells within the plant tissue. In turn, the plants withstand various stresses, such as heat, cold, pests and diseases. For example, winterizer fertilizers will have a high component of potassium.

When shopping for fertilizers, be mindful of their intended use. Fertilizers that have equal numbers can generally be used as an all-purpose fertilizer. If you had only one product to

work with, 10-10-10 would be my recommendation.

To promote good fruit or flower production, look for a middle number that is higher than the first. Otherwise, your plants will be stimulated to put out lots of nice green foliage, often at the expense of fruit or flower production. Instead, you want the energy and nutrition of the plant to go towards the

desired result, flowers or fruit, so a higher middle number is a more appropriate choice.

To toughen up your plants or lawn for environmental stresses, you'll want a fertilizer that promotes the last number, possibly as well as a high middle number. A high first number in this case may not be appropriate because you are not likely to be promoting new lush foliage

when at the same time putting plants or turf to bed for the winter. Instead, your goal should be to promote cell structure and strong roots which continue to grow through winter.

Finally, whenever you apply fertilizers, don't assume that more is better. You can burn plants by over fertilizing, and damage the surrounding soil as well. Instead, erring on the side of less is better. If your soil is rich in organic matter, it should have all the nutrition plants need.

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Mold needs to be traced to its sources

By Dwight Barnett
Scripps Howard

Q: My husband and I purchased our home in November. In removing wallpaper we discovered mold. We had someone come to the house. He put a device up to the wall and said that we should not have a mold problem. He said the mold could be from a past roof leak or due to the type of wallpaper glue. Does this sound OK?

A: The thing the inspector put on the wall was probably a moisture meter, which only determines the amount of moisture present. The meter cannot determine the source of the moisture. What you need is an inspector who can discover the source of the moisture. Without moisture, the mold would not be there.

Molds have been around since the beginning of time, but only recently have they been attributed to indoor air pollution and health concerns. Mold is a living organism that needs warmth, water and food. Once inside the home, mold will spread, discoloring areas.

If the food source, such as wallpaper, is removed or disturbed, the mold will give off spores in hopes of survival. It is important to identify the mold species and then isolate it and its food source.

Some molds can be removed from materials that have hard, nonporous surfaces, such as tile or Formica. Porous materials, especially paper products, generally have to be removed to prevent additional infestation.

If a damp environment invites mold, then the opposite is also true: a home that has little moisture resists molds. Check your home for roof or plumbing leaks. Damp or wet basements need a dehumidifier, and all laundry, bath and kitchen vent fans must be vented to the exterior.

Vinyl wallpaper can trap moisture between the wallpaper and the walls. I've even found mold growing between an oil painting and its glass cover. Basically, anything that can trap moisture needs to be examined.

Preparing the ground to plant flowers

By Ask DIY
Scripps Howard

Q: I just moved into a new home and I'd like to plant flowers in the yard. Can you help me?

A: We put this question to Walter Reeves, Ask DIY's gardening expert, and he said your starting point has to be soil preparation. Begin by laying out the borders of the bed, which you can accomplish by a couple of methods. Some people use spray-on marking paint, but Reeves prefers to use a garden hose. You can just move it around until you come up with a border shape you like.

After you've established the border, dig a trench along the hose.

Next you'll need to get rid of the grass in the bed area. There are chemical products available that do this, but they can take as long as a week to work. If you don't want to wait that long, just get busy digging. Dig up the grass and then dig down into the soil. There are several schools of thought on how deep you should dig; some say as deep as the shovel will go, but in some areas you may have to go down 12 to 16 inches.

If you find hard clay soil in your flowerbed, you're going to have to add organic matter. This can be a variety of compositions: composted peanut hulls, topsoil, humus, cow manure or compost. Whatever you use, be sure to use plenty of it. If you dig down 12 inches, the top three inches should be organic matter. Be sure to mix it in thoroughly.

One remedy for really hard soil is to use a soaker hose on it the night before, allowing a slow trickle to soften the ground overnight. Once this activity is complete, the fun part begins: you choose what plants you want for the bed and you'll be ready to complete your effort.

Dive into summer, every day

By Harlyn Aizley
Correspondent

Imagine this summer being able to swim anytime you want without having to load sunscreen, towels and bathing suits into your car. Today having your own pool is almost as easy as having your own yard. In fact, all that is required is a yard with a fence around it. Though Greg Broyer, manager of St. Cyr's Pools and Spa in Middleton, does say he once installed an above-ground pool in a customer's garage.

In the business of selling backyard products for more than 30 years, St. Cyr's carries three different models of above-ground pools with so many available options you can essentially customize your own pool package.

For those concerned that their yard is not suitable terrain for a pool, think again. The land requirements for installation of an above-ground pool are far less restrictive than those for in-ground pools. You can find above-ground pools as small as 10 to 15 feet — small enough to be installed in a garage or greenhouse structure. And there is no need to excavate sloping yards.

According to Broyer, to install an above-ground pool you need only "dig into the slope." You don't have to level a yard, unless of course you plan on landscaping and adding decking as part of your project.

"You can invest as much as you want to, but a typical purchase and installation is between \$5,000 and \$6,000," says Broyer. "That figure varies a \$1,000 in either direction depending on size of the pool."

The pools St. Cyr's carries are made either of galvanized-steel or resin, a plastic composite that is corrosion free. The former comes with a 25- to 30-year warranty; the latter, a war-



J.R. Patten, general manager of St. Cyr Pool and Spa, Middleton, left, and salesman Jason Broyer prepare the display for the Garden Leisure above-ground pool. St. Cyr is currently offering 12 months free financing on pool purchases.

ranty of at least 30 years. All models are either circular or oval. People with rectangular shaped yards tend toward the oval pools, though a round pool is, in general, a bit stronger and offers more swimming room. Round pools come as large as 33 feet around, though St. Cyr's most popular model is 24 feet.

To determine the size pool that best fits your yard the first step is contacting your local town hall to find out the setbacks to your property. That information usually is obtainable immediately over the phone. Once you are certain of

your property line, Broyer suggests putting a stake in the middle of your yard with a string attached. Using the string like a compass, make a circle along your property line to find the largest available circular space. If you're not comfortable assessing the size pool you can install, St. Cyr's will do it for you at no charge.

Of course, filling the yard entirely is not what most people do. Many customers leave room for decking. St. Cyr's sells and installs aluminum decking that can be attached to a pool, though if a customer has the

means they suggest building a wooden deck. Wooden decking can surround the pool or can be part of a larger landscaping project which when possible can include a deck that leads from a house to the pool. St. Cyr's does not install wooden decking, but does have local contacts available to assist customers in the design and installation of their backyard project.

Excavation of a yard and installation of decking can cost as much as you want to spend. Broyer mentions he's seen people pay as much for excavation as they have for their pools.

If properly cared for, the average yearly cost to maintain your above-ground pool should average approximately \$250. This amount primarily includes the cost of chemicals necessary for keeping your pool clean. Thankfully, over the last few years the industry has made it easier to maintain your pool. Mineral reservoirs help purify water as opposed to the traditional straight chlorine. The liner requires no additional care, and if treated well should last around 10 years.

"Treating your pool well means closing it for the winter," Broyer says. "Closing or winterizing includes bringing the water down a foot or foot and a half and properly blocking the skimmers and filters."

Broyer recommends having a professional winterize your pool to assure everything is done properly. St. Cyr's offers both opening and closing services for above- and in-ground pools. Opening a pool for the season involves the opposite tasks such as making sure the water height is adequate, adding the opening chemicals, and getting the filter system running. The price for an opening or closing depends on the type of pool.

The fencing requirement is a security measure enforced by almost all townships. When making a call regarding property line setbacks you also might check to see if your town has any particular requirements regarding fencing. Most towns do not require a fence around the pool itself. But all require you have a gate or safety ladder with a latch that can lock the ladder in an upright position. Many towns require a self-latching self-closing ladder. St. Cyr's includes this type of ladder as a standard item with all of its pools and promises it will meet code for any town. Require-

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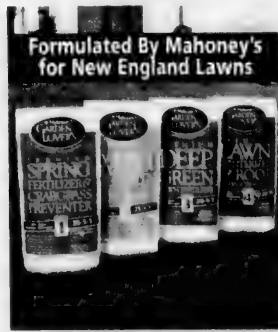


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Why think of annuals, perennials as either/or choice?

By Joe Lamp'I
Scripps Howard

When I go to a nursery or garden center, what always draws me in is the sea of beautiful flowers, calling my name from the parking lot. Most of what we see from the pavement is the seductive beauty of annuals, plants that complete their entire life cycle during one growing season; they go from seed to plant to flower, and then to seed again, and finally die, all in usually just a matter of months.

The variety of annuals to choose from seems mind boggling, and more are coming on the market all the time. They are a great addition to the landscape and provide that punch of color right where you need it with the tradeoff of a relatively short-lived display. Classic examples of annuals include pansies, petunias and marigolds.

A comment I often get regarding annuals is that gardeners get tired of replacing them year after year. Today there are more and more demands on our time than ever before. Trends indicate that many of us are seeking ways to spend less of it in the garden while still enjoying the benefit of a colorful landscape.

The solution often given is to go with flowering perennials. In general, the flower of the perennial plant is less dramatic and often blooms for only a week or two. However, these plants persist for more than one season and therefore perform longer in the garden.

Well, to this I say: It's not an either-or decision. Go with both!

Perennials are a good longer-term solution to many garden beds. They provide great color. But they often are selected as much for their foliage as for their blooms. Think Hosta and ferns. In fact, when in bloom perennial flower time can be short, lasting just a week or two,



Annuals can really punctuate a flowerbed or border in a way that perennials have yet to achieve.

add tulips or daffodils to your list.

One trick to getting more color from a perennial display is to arrange beds so that just as one perennial is completing its bloom cycle, another is beginning. For example, daffodils can be purchased as early, mid and late season bloomers. Planting all three types in a bed will provide an extended period of color from the flowers.

To further illustrate a way to extend the display even longer, add daylilies to that same bed. Then, as the last late season daffodils have finished blooming and are in decline with their not so attractive foliage, the daylilies are there to fill in, literally. Color from the same bed now continues from early spring through late summer. The best part is that the display continues the next year and for years to come with no additional work.

Annuals on the other hand, can really punctuate a flowerbed or border in a way that perennials have yet to achieve. There is every color under the rainbow, and bloom times can last for months with the right care. So the next time you're faced with which flower type is best for you, enjoy both. Each plays an important role in the garden and landscape.

Batten down the hatches this spring

By Robin Ellington
Staff Writer

The job started with a simple paint touchup job — the paint on your front door trim was peeling. Ooh, you think, the front door looks tired. Do you think you could replace it while you're at it? And what about the walkway up to the front door?

And from there, it snowballs, admits John Zimmerman, owner of Ultimate Handyman.

"There's a ton of stuff to do around the house. Carpentry, painting, tile work, ... I do it all," he says. "I started with masonry and drifted into home improvement. But I have my specialties."

He counts painting, bathrooms and decks among them, and has some pretty definite ideas on how to maintain your home's appearance. Every spring, he says, do a walk-around of your house.

"Make sure your home is getting enough light," Zimmerman says. "Mold grows on a house and decks turn green. The mold is an indication of not enough light getting to the house. The first thing to do to is correct problem and thin out your trees."

It's a reversible problem if caught early, he adds.

Second, he suggests you pressure-wash the house. Or you can hire John, who estimates the job to be around \$250 to \$300 for a traditional three- or four-bedroom colonial.

"It's also one way to get your house checked out — the contractor will check out your house," Zimmerman says. "An expert will be looking at it and might find other problems."

"Then, check your deck," he says. "Make sure it doesn't need



"I do it all," says John Zimmerman, owner of Ultimate Handyman. He knows the job of maintaining your home isn't easy, and he can help you make it manageable.

water seal or stain, and it should be treated every other year with Thompson's® Water Seal™. The wood dries out and you can get splinters; you can't walk barefoot on them.

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Wash the deck when you wash your house, he recommends, and when it's dry put the Water Seal on it. Or hire John to do it.

The trim and the corner boards on your house show the first obvious signs of rot, so be on the lookout in those places.

"A spot that's rotten will not have any paint on it," he says. "Poke a pen into the wood around the windows. If caulk is shrinking you'll see a shadow between the trim and the siding. Make sure they're caulked and watertight. Caulk them up and seal them so no water can get behind them and create other rot. On spots where the wood isn't rotted, just paint. The cheapest thing you can do to your house is paint it."

Or you could hire John.

A particular target for rot is your front door. Again, a rot problem could come from exposure to the elements.

"When it's time to replace your door you'll purchase a door and a new jamb — they come as a unit," says Zimmerman, who says a range of styles will cost anywhere from \$120 to a couple thousand. "It all depends on what you like. The \$120 range will get you a prehung, fiberglass or metal door. A couple thousand will get you wood with side lights, a transom light. More money means more options, and a better quality door, obviously."

Last, he says, check your gutters. "Make sure your gutters are not backed up with leaves and haven't been pulled down by ice." And if you need replacements, doors or gutters ... you guessed it: Hire John to do it.

Make an appointment with the Ultimate Handyman for a free estimate, which includes a walk around your house, recommendations of what needs to be done, references, and a description of the products he uses. Call 978-314-0094.

"I have a small staff; it's a small company," he says. But his list is large. "Deck, kitchen, bath, tile floors, everything."

POOL: Dive into summer every day, stay cool in the heat

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ments for in-ground pools differ slightly. Again, check with your town prior to installation.

A father himself, Broyer says his customers are almost always parents with kids. "Most homeowners who buy a pool have younger children

they want to keep occupied during the summer. It's not a giant expense for the amount of time you get out of it."

If it's more adult recreation you seek, St. Cyr's also carries hot tubs or spas. Because the structure itself is a more involved and therefore pricier product, the cost of purchasing an installing these items varies

from \$4,500 to \$15,000. However, hot tubs provide year-round enjoyment and take up significantly less space.

There is no fencing requirement for a hot tub as long as it has a lock-down cover.

If it's swimming you want this summer, it's not too soon to start planning.

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A habitat garden, left, offers many layers of wildlife-friendly plants. Yellow swallowtails, above, love butterfly bushes.

Creating a 3-D yard for wildlife to enjoy

By Maureen Gilmer
Scripps Howard

The teeth in the Endangered Species Act is not the protection of a species itself, but conservation of its habitat. If a species can no longer find the plant community it needs to survive, even our best efforts won't save it.

Habitat, be it in the wild or in a backyard, is essentially a three dimensional, holistic environment. And the single most defining element of habitat is plants. They turn bare ground into a forest. They render endless plains into prairie. They even dot the desert sands. Plants, in short, are the very foundation upon which most other life forms depend.

The most common error in creating wildlife-friendly gardens is an overly myopic view. Focus on a particular form of wildlife, such as a butterfly, can cause unexpected results.

Nectar plants draw butterflies and encourage them to reproduce. While this may seem desirable, it can result in high populations of destructive larvae inhabiting the garden. Without birds to reduce these larval populations, there can be significant damage to other plants. This illustrates why holistic habitat is more sustainable than a myopic view intent on drawing only a certain type of wildlife.

The essence of wildlife habitat is diversity. Always strive to create an holistic environment with a range of plants that offer

value in as many seasons as possible. A garden with only a few plants to lure wildlife may find whole seasons without much activity. If the garden is truly holistic and planned with care, you'll enjoy beauty and a wide range of visitors year round.

It is important to remember that habitat is composed of layers.

The highest is the tree canopy, with its emphasis on plant species that provide nectar, fruits, nuts and dense branching for nest building. Even a standing dead tree that is not hazardous is also valuable to a variety of organisms including cavity-nesting birds. Train a native vine onto the branches to make it more attractive.

The understory layer is dominated by shrubs and vines. These exist beneath tree canopies in partial shade. Understory species such as wild grape vines, dogwood and flowering currant offer nutritionally rich beauty and visual interest. In the open are shrubby plant communities such as chaparral which makes thickets that offer protective cover and food.

Ground-dwelling herbaceous species include grasses and forbs. Collectively, broadleaf annual and perennial plants are known as forbs. Forbs can occur beneath tree canopies, such as columbine. In the open they are commonly woven into grasslands. A good example is purple coneflower, which thrives

among prairie grasses to offer nectar and autumn seed. In drier grasslands, butterfly weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*, is both a nectar producer and a larval food plant for butterflies.

Do not underestimate the values of grasses. They offer easy beauty with habitat values in every season. Soft green sprouts feed hungry herbivores at winter's end. Grasses shelter whole populations of small animals. In late summer they produce an abundant crop of seed that lasts into winter. Their dense tussocks make well-insulated nesting sites for underground life forms.

A productive habitat garden is composed of as many wildlife value plants as possible on every layer.

For a crash course on all the components of a wildlife friendly 3-D habitat garden, log on to the National Resource Conservation Service, a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>. Select "features" and then "backyard conservation."

Keep in mind that one bird-friendly tree does not a habitat make. If you really want to landscape for wildlife and discover the joys of a living, animated garden you must think three dimensionally.

Choose carefully to ensure each and every plant has something to offer. Think in layers from top to bottom. Get it right and the wildlife won't just visit, they'll come to stay.

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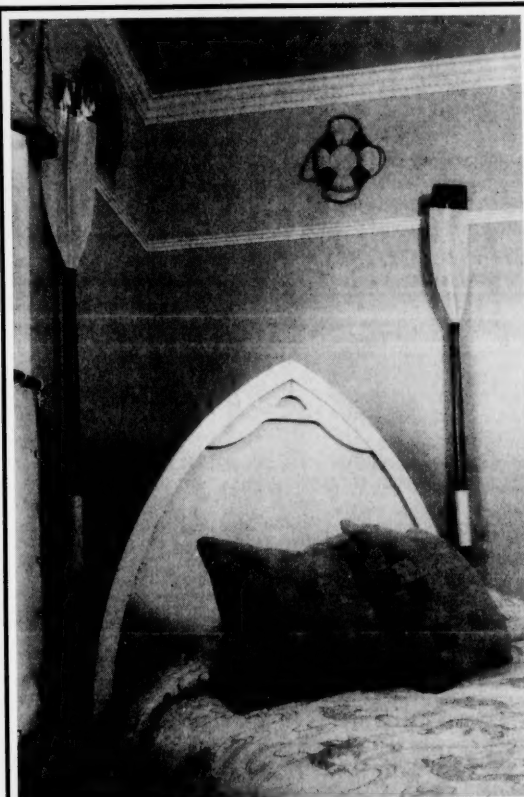
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Basement primed for professional partying

By Candice Olson
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Steve bought his dream home two years ago — a spacious 1960s ranch-style house that is perfect for entertaining. Steve, you see, is a professional merrymaker; not only does he plan parties for a living but also he loves hosting home soirees for his friends and family.

The problem was that the biggest room (and best spot for a bash) in his new house is a basement family room that is dark, dingy and sadly outdated.

Steve was eager to transform this room into something cool and comfortable for his many revelers. So I put on my party hat, called in my design team and got ready to "bust a move" and transform the depressing space into a professional party place.

Everything in the room was outmoded: the aged ceiling tiles, the wood-paneled walls, the vinyl flooring and the hand-me-down (and down again) furniture.

I started the redesign by giving all of the outdated finishes an update. I painted the ceiling and walls a shade of soft, icy blue.

I then replaced the existing vinyl floors (and the overlying bits of mismatched carpet) with a durable yet inexpensive wood-look vinyl floor that can't be ruined by stiletto heels or wayward martinis. I added a chic area rug in one section for a dash of color.

Next I got to work on building and restyling the room's essential party points: the bar, the media area and the fireplace.

The bar, which featured peel-and-stick faux-wood strips, just screamed '60s. I repainted the bottom section in a charcoal and iridescent blue-

grey paint and added a new top that I covered with vinyl tile in a mother-of-pearl pattern.

To accommodate the television and stereo equipment, I custom-built a long, low media wall, complete with new base pieces to hold components, a floating area for a TV and a new countertop that has the same hip tiles as the bar.

The fireplace was a nice focal point in the room, but its soot-stained inside was a tad unsightly. So I painted the surrounding bricks a smoky, charcoal color to disguise the stains and installed a new mantle to give the fireplace a little more presence and panache.

Next, I got rid of all of Steve's old furniture, with the exception of a recliner that belonged to his grandfather, which I reupholstered.

I replaced it all with new pieces in warm tones, including a sectional with a geometric circle pattern in chenille and mohair and a variety of multi-functional bench seating in inviting, neutral shades.

The lighting in the room was almost nonexistent, so I brightened the place up in three different ways.

I put up two streamlined sconces of frosted glass over the fireplace for more intimate parties, installed adjustable, halogen track lighting over the bar for cocktail moments and added three funky, glass pendants mounted on a canopy for an overall party feel.

Last, but not least, I created a small home office in the room for Steve.

But since I didn't want people to have to think about work while partying, I hid the work area behind a dividing curtain made of a super metallic fabric.

I then added some finishing touches — bar utensils, lamps, pictures and other party neces-



Using distinctive finishes and fabrics, sophisticated media storage, and toe-tapping flooring, this one-time dark and dingy basement is now a happening and contemporary space.

sities — and the space was complete.

Using distinctive finishes and fabrics, sophisticated media storage and toe-tapping flooring, this once dark and dingy basement is now a happening and contemporary space. If that isn't reason enough to throw a divine party or two, what is?

Interior decorator Candice Olson is host of *Home & Garden Television's "Divine Design."*



With all this space in Steve's basement, it still wasn't suitable for entertaining.

Navigating a construction contract — allowance items

By Moris and James
Carey
Associated Press

The allowance you got when you were a kid is nothing like an allowance in a construction contract. Unlike your parents, your contractor is not giving you anything when an allowance is included in the deal.

If you are getting ready to hire a contractor you should clearly understand what an allowance is, how it relates to the project and how to best determine whether it is reasonably accurate.

An allowance in a construction contract refers to a dollar value (or monetary allowance) that is assigned to an item of

work (e.g., light fixture budget, plumbing fixture budget, painting budget).

In theory, this practice is used by architects, engineers, designers (and other construction professionals) to establish budgetary guidelines. This is only done when details or specifications are not available for the work in question, although it is important to make sure that every item in the budget be assigned a value. Using an allowance instead of pricing specific items can be risky.

With allowance items, if the value of the allowance in the contract is greater than what is needed to make the actual purchase, the contractor will normally refund the difference to the client. On the other hand, if a

greater sum of money is needed to purchase an allowance item, it comes out of your pocket even if the contract is for a fixed price.

There is a major downside to using allowance budgeting. Unscrupulous contractors will use allowances to reduce their bid in hopes of getting the client to sign on the dotted line.

In a kitchen remodel, for example, a contractor might assign cabinetry, countertops and appliances as allowance items, saying that the items can be purchased for the values he included. The problem arises when the client decides to purchase the items and discovers that the level of quality isn't what was expected, resulting in a major budget crunch.

Solve the problem before it becomes one.

Once the "blueprint" or "basic set of plans" has been developed, the next step is to create a corresponding set of details known as "specifica-

tions." The specifications explain, in depth, each of the elements contained in the plan.

For example: Where the plan might show a sink, the specifications would indicate the brand of the sink, model number, size, color and even what it's made of. Generally speaking, the more thorough the specifications are, the more accurate the bids will be.

Remember: if it were your home that was going to be remodeled or built, no one could know exactly what the entry porch light fixture was going to look like until you selected the one you wanted. To ensure that your bid is as accurate as possible, the prices contained therein should be based on an existing specification that lists exactly what you want — in detail.

You don't have to use an allowance even if you haven't made a decision on exactly what you want. All you have to do is select something that's close.

For example: You may not be

able to decide on which faucet you want to use. However, most contractors have books that you can look through to find something appealing. Then, that item can be priced and included in the bid. Then everyone involved will have a better idea of what is on your mind. A price without associated details doesn't tell anyone anything about what you really want.

If an allowance must be used, then you should at least ask the contractor to include a notation that reflects the highest and lowest priced items in that category. You should always do your best to be aware of the prices of the items stipulated as allowances. If not, there is a good chance you will be shortchanged. Allowances should not be taken lightly.

Keep in mind that you have as much responsibility to a written contract as the contractor does. And when you sign on the dotted line, it would be good to know that there won't be a

series of up-charges that follow. Remember: The budget always looks much higher at bid time than it does at purchase time. Make as many selections as possible before beginning the bidding process. The low bidder may be low because of insufficient allowances.

If you must use an allowance in the bid, do plenty of shopping on your own to arrive at an allowance value that is comfortable in your mind and that will cover the cost of what you want (and don't forget to include taxes, delivery fees, and extra installation costs for more complicated items).

Never be in a rush to get bids — or enter into a contract.

If allowances make up 20 percent or more of your construction contract, then you could be asking for serious budget trouble — especially if you haven't done your homework. Most contractors are honest, but what if you get a "bad" one? You should allow for that.

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Growing satisfying summer flowers

By Maureen Gilmer
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Whether you call it a cottage, a bungalow, a saltbox or a cabin, at the end of the day it is simply a small house. And, in the tradition of not-so-big living, these houses' gardens literally pack them in, overflowing with semi-controlled floral chaos.

Blossoms big and small in a riot of colors are the kind of joyous mix that people cherish.

The budget gardener's trick to growing satisfying summer flowers is to do it from seed. Those you can sow right into the freshly prepared soil have been cherished for generations as easy, living heirlooms.

Our ancestors gathered the seeds at season's end and sowed them again the following year for free. Many of the seeds even naturalized, self-sowing on their own.

You can still find most of these flowers at seed racks at garden centers or in many different catalogs.

For the new gardener, the plants are easy because they germinate right away and grow up fast before the bugs can get to them. However, it's important to distinguish when to sow because these old favorites are divided into two different germination preferences.

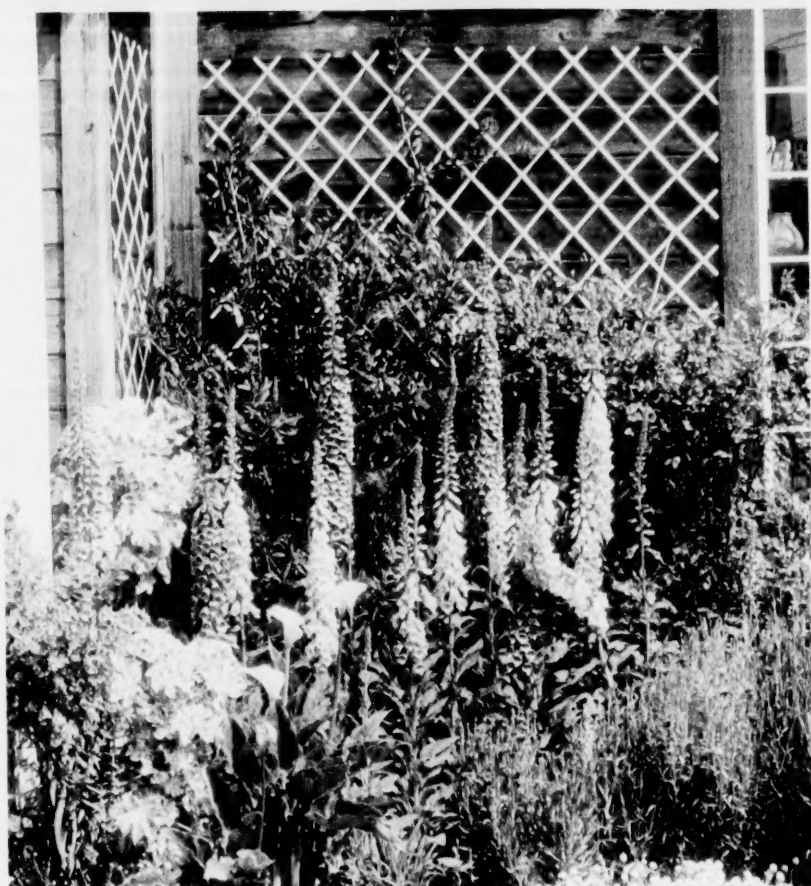
In the north and east, and very early in the south, spring conditions are cooler.

Therefore annuals that prefer cooler temperatures to germinate and grow will do best in the early season.

They may fade with the onset of midsummer heat, but if you sow warm season seeds in between these early beauties you will have a second wind of a garden after June.

Bachelors button, known as cornflower for its iridescent blue flowers, is a standup plant reaching 30 inches tall.

Annual Larkspur produces three-foot-tall spires bearing the poor woman's version of finicky



Packing short, medium and tall flowers into a small border.

perennial delphinium. Sweet peas, fragrant and vine-like, grow onto cottage walls if you hang string or net to support their cherished multicolored blooms.

Sunflowers, be they giant Mammoths or the riot of smaller branching florist cultivars, are as Americana as cottage gardens get. You can never have too many. Tithonia, with its tangerine orange flowers, is a west side performer that takes sun and afternoon heat in stride.

Zinnias, with their day-glo colors, are scorned as "common" yet produce the most fabulous blossoms on plants that do best in brutal dry heat.

Before planting, remove all weeds and debris from the soil. Then turn it with a spading fork. Enrich the broken soil with liberal amounts of steer manure and compost to a depth of one foot.

Before you sow, read seed depth data on the package. Sweet pea seeds germinate a lot faster if you soak them in water for 24 hours before they are planted. Zinnias need light to germinate and do best when simply raked in. Use a "rain" diffuser nozzle to water seed and seedlings.

Later, water large-leaved plants by flooding on ground

level. Watering on leaves or large flowers may cause breakage or topple the plant.

Fertilize every two weeks during peak growth with any water soluble product such as Miracle Gro.

Cut off spent flowers before seed can form to generate more new flowers.

Close to the end of the season let seed form to collect for next year.

Cottage gardens have never been the realm of the rich or the worldly. They are the true people's gardens, created with little more than labor, earth and a dollar pack of seed.



Cornflowers or bachelor's buttons are old-fashioned favorites. Cornflowers bloom early in the season.



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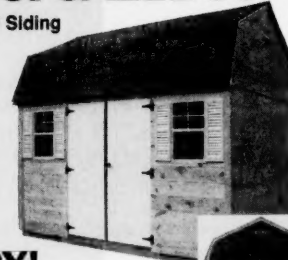
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Spring fever will strike at any moment. So, bring home healthy, disease-free plants that will make your garden look better and make your gardening experience more enjoyable.

How to be smart when buying your plants

By Joe Lamp'L
Scripps Howard

Spring fever will strike at any moment. Are you ready for it?

You can be if you follow a few simple guidelines as you head out to the nursery for that next big purchase. Bringing home healthy, disease-free plants will make your garden look better and make your gardening experience more enjoyable.

Most plant buyers cannot overcome the urge to purchase plants that are in full bloom in the nursery. Who can resist the temptation to bring home the most beautiful plants? You and me, I hope. Plants already in bloom require a lot of energy to sustain those blooms.

Instead, choose plants that have flower buds but are not yet in bloom. This way you can get the plants into the ground and allow time for the roots to establish before too much energy is drawn toward blooms.

Even better, pinch off any flower blooms present when you plant; they'll come back and the roots will receive the plant's energy resulting in more established plants that look even better.

Next, check the roots. If it is a woody ornamental, tree or shrub, don't be afraid to pull it from its container. Healthy

plants will have roots that are light in color. They will appear evenly distributed without looking cramped. Stay clear of plants that have dark roots or ones that have roots that spiral around the inside of the container. These plants are pot-bound and may have a difficult time establishing in the landscape.

Inspect each plant for signs of pests. Many hide on the underside of the leaves. So look closely — you might miss them at first glance. You might have a clue of their presence if you see leaf stippling, small black flecks or a sticky residue, especially on the underside.

Avoid purchasing plants that appear to be leggy or stretched. These plants have been growing in light that was insufficient for their needs. Although they may recover, they have been stressed. Your goal for a great looking plant long term is to purchase plants that have not been under any apparent stress.

Foliage that is abnormally light may be a good indication that the plant was over- or under-watered. These extremes exhibit similar symptoms. Either case is undesirable and adds additional stress to the plant.

Another good way to reduce plant damage caused by diseases is to purchase plant varieties that are disease resistant.

This does not ensure that plants will be immune from any particular disease, but it does indicate the plant displays characteristics that minimize the impact of a certain disease. These plants have a genetic ability to resist significant damage to a certain disease or pathogen.

Be sure to recognize that "resistant" doesn't mean immune. What qualifies the plant to be considered resistant is the relatively small degree of impact that a certain pathogen has on that particular plant variety.

The best way to know if you are buying a disease resistant variety is to do your homework. The Internet, books, newsletters, magazines and your county extension service are all good sources.

Your local county extension service is also a great source for information specific to your area and zone.

Be warned: The best way to keep unhealthy plants out of your garden is to leave your emotions at home next time you head for the garden center. Apply tough love when shopping for plants. In the long run, you'll be glad you did.

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Preparing for the L-word: lawnmowing

By James and Morris
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It's about the time to bring your mower out again after a long winter's hibernation. But, there are things to do before firing it up and taking it out for a spin. First, remove the spark plug wire. Then, check the blade

for sharpness and balance. If dull, remove it and sharpen with a file. To check balance, put the center hole on a screwdriver or your fingertip. The heavy side will be lower. Just keep filing till they balance.

Also, clean the housing inside and out. Lubricate all moving parts including wheels, and then fire it up. Don't use last

year's gasoline; it will gum things up.

Remember safety, too. Before you hit the turf, check for debris.

With a little care and extra effort, you will have a beautiful lawn all summer long and be around to enjoy it.

Things to think about before you plant your spring garden

Good spiders: Spiders are among the best predators to have in the garden; they kill "bad" bugs in large numbers. Encourage spiders to move into your garden by mulching your beds and avoiding the use of garden chemicals, both synthetic and organic. Stay clear of the poisonous black widow and brown recluse. However, neither of these spiders routinely inhabit cultivated areas.

Homegrown: Don't assume that every perennial or shrub for sale in your local nursery is

hardy in your area. Read the plant tag carefully, and if you don't see the zone rating, do a little research before you buy.

Plug the gap: Have a tiny hole in your hose and don't want to buy a new one? If the hole is relatively small, stick a round, wooden toothpick in it and break it off so it is flush to the hose. Then wrap it with waterproof tape. As the water flows through the hose, the toothpick will swell, effectively sealing the hose.

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